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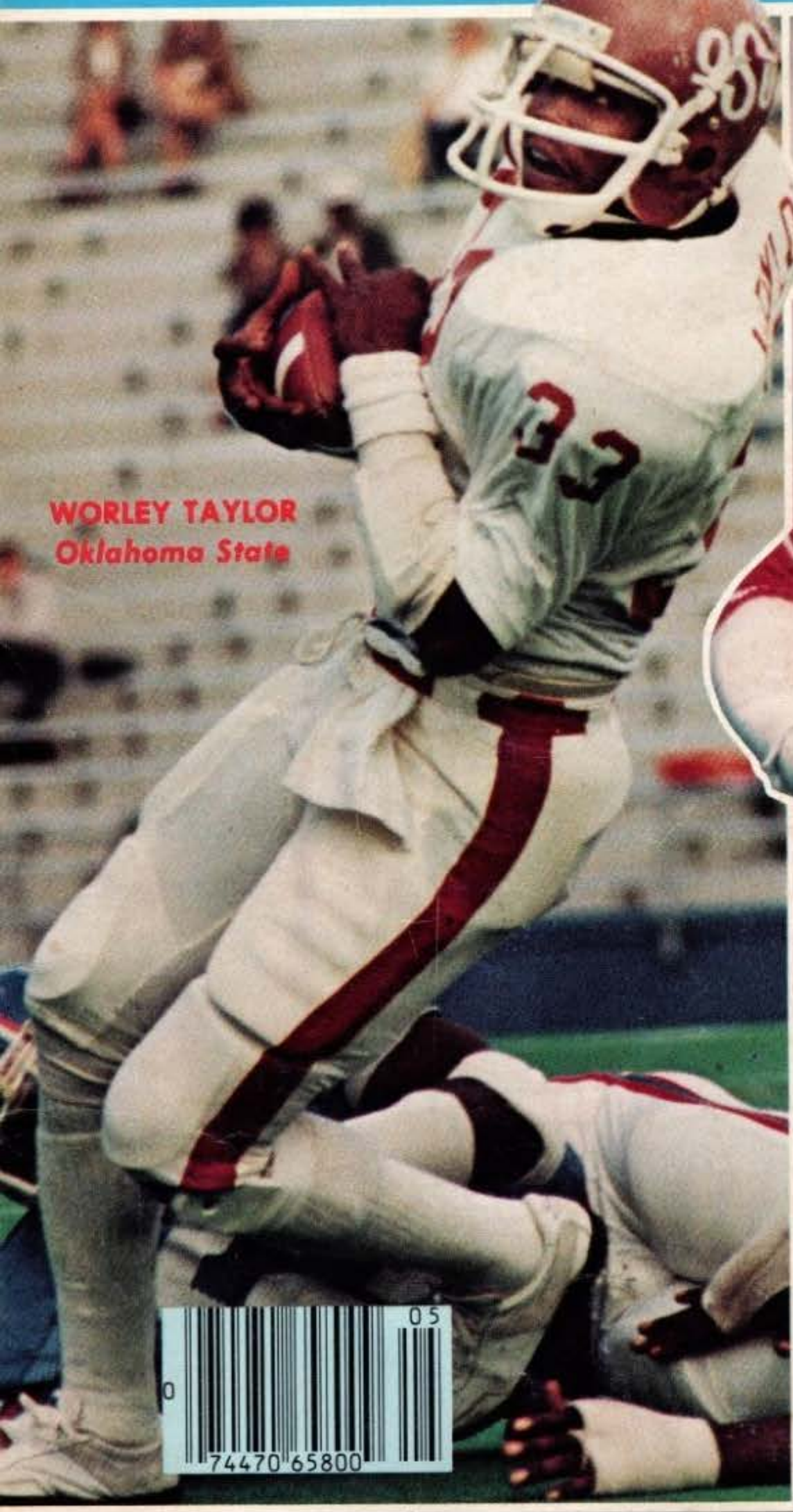

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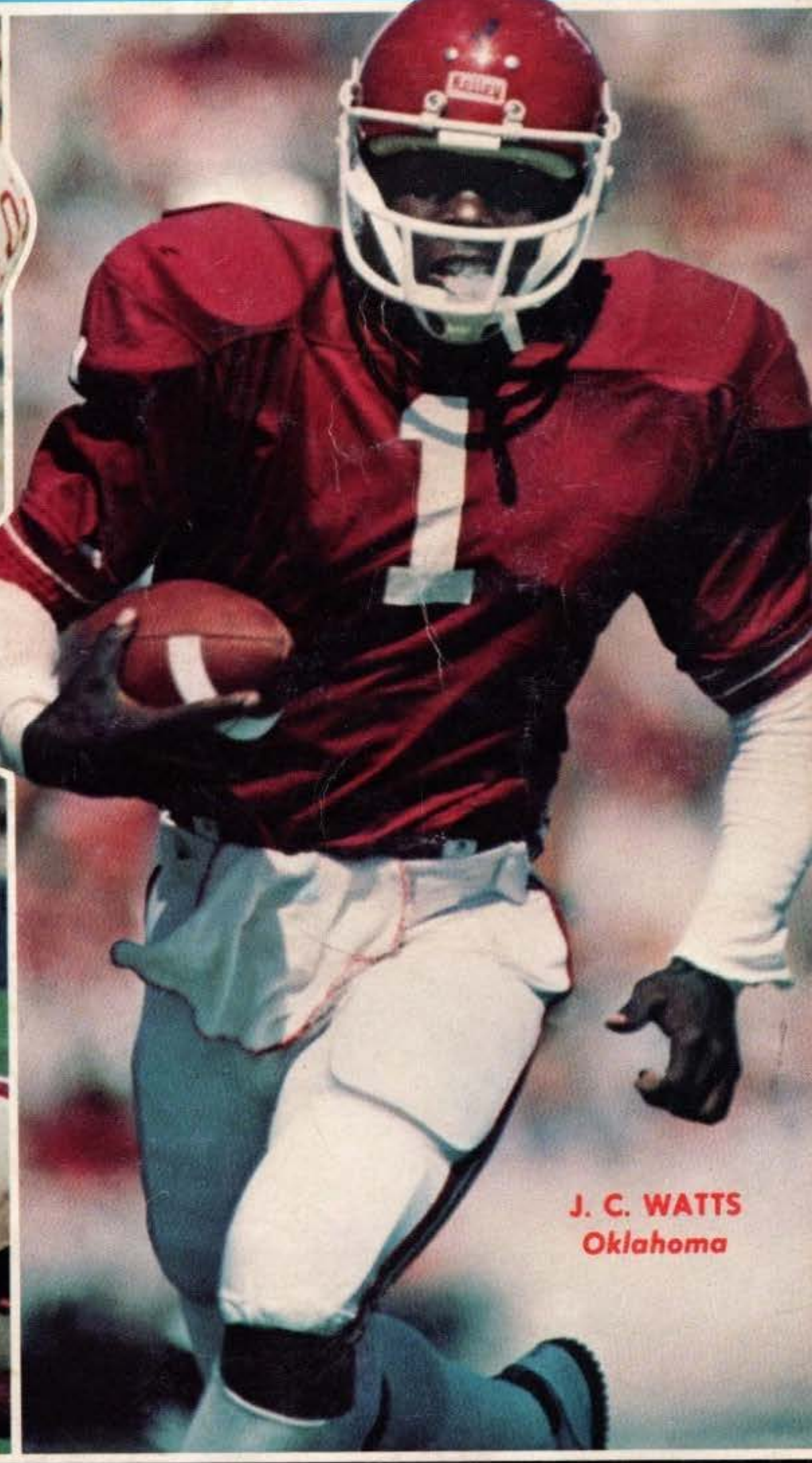

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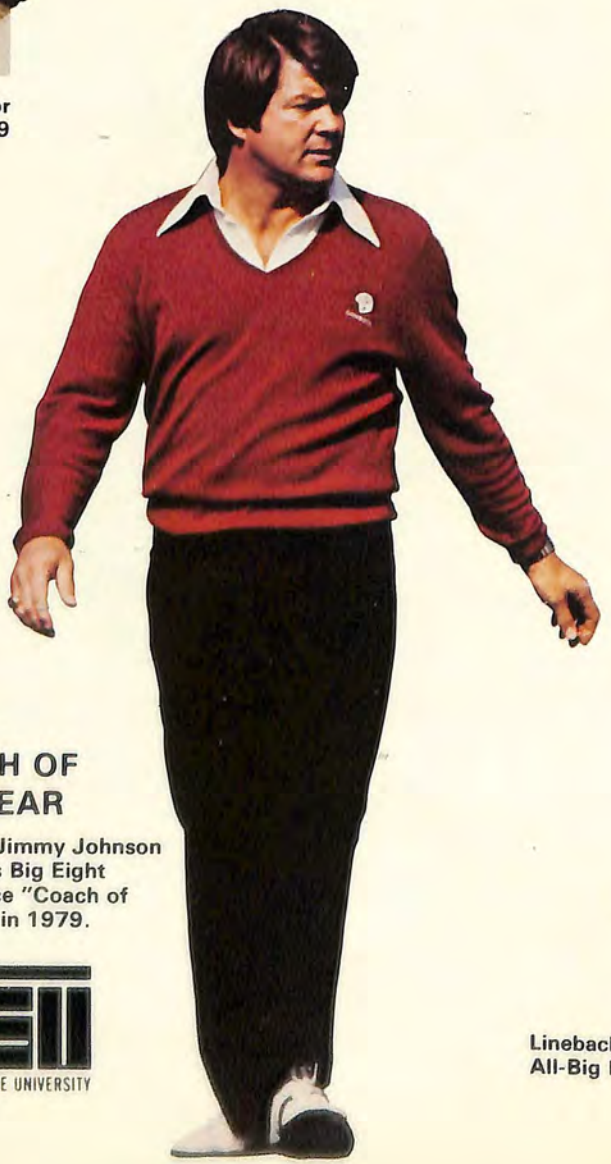

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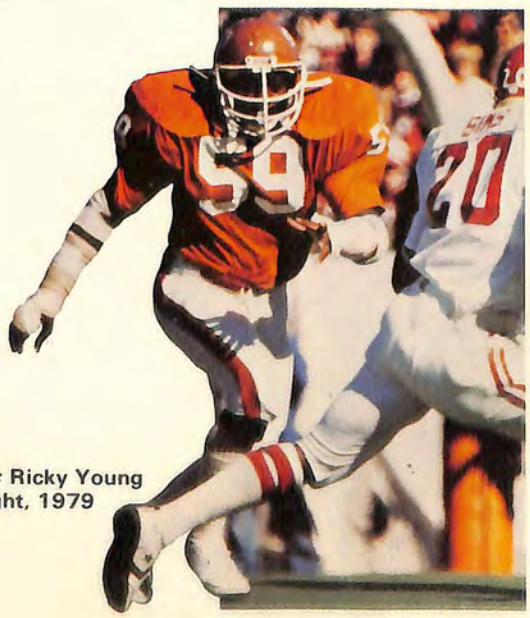

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A FORECAST FOR THE 80's

FOR THOSE WHO READ *THE BIG EIGHT's* second annual *Commemorative Edition* last January, one question was left unanswered in our review of the 1970's --"A Decade of Big 8 Supremacy". What forecast can we expect for the 80's? Will the Big 8 continue to dominate college football?

Let me digress for a moment, to establish this point clearly. The Universities of the Big 8 made a commitment in 1970 to upgrade the caliber of coaching when Nebraska was thumping the league pretty severely under Bob Devaney. They adopted innovative recruiting practices and were directly responsible for ushering in the era of the black athlete in college football. In essence, the coaches and Athletic Directors recognized the new trends early and moved more swiftly than other conferences to be competitive. It apparently paid big dividends!

Now we're entering a new decade. Ironically, a similar decline in the late 70's seemed to parallel the one in 1969. This publication noted that the Big 8 might be "slipping", based on recruiting shortages at most conference schools. 1978 and 1979 began to bear that out, particularly at Colorado, Kansas, and Kansas State. Once again, the commitment was made to upgrade the coaching staff at every school except perennial powers Nebraska and Oklahoma. They simply re-doubled their recruiting emphasis. Now that we have gained some hindsight, let's see where this trend is leading. . .

One barometer of future excellence is the recruiting "bottom-line". All 8 schools had an exceptional year in terms of their needs. Some got immediate junior college help. Others replaced gaps in the skill positions. The conference as a whole did better than any other league nationally. If you're interested in a more comprehensive evaluation, turn to the "Freshman Harvest". Last year this article recognized a poor recruiting year due to coaching changes and a late start. On page 59 of last year's magazine, we predicted that ". . .This should signal a banner harvest in 1980." Our expectations were fulfilled and if this momentum continues, it will carry the Big 8 schools to another impressive decade of college football.

Where are the new trends taking us in the 1980's? In an age of increasing communications sophistication, the new innovations in computer technology and media "image-making" will be necessary in recruiting in order to reduce rising travel expenses and soften the burden of new NCAA legislation which restricts personal visits and contacts. Over one-fourth of the top 80 football universities have already implemented an aggressive computer-media-marketing program through *THE BLUE CHIPS* magazine designed to strengthen their regional and national recruiting efforts. Five of the eight Big 8 schools are in that group, which indicates that they are continuing to perceive the new trends and move ahead of the times! The 80's are in good hands!

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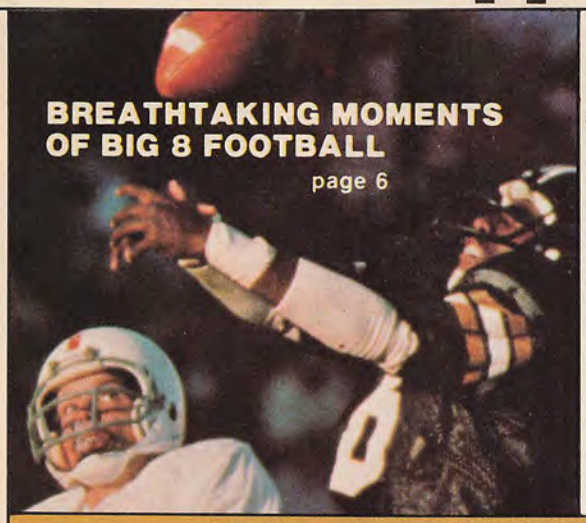

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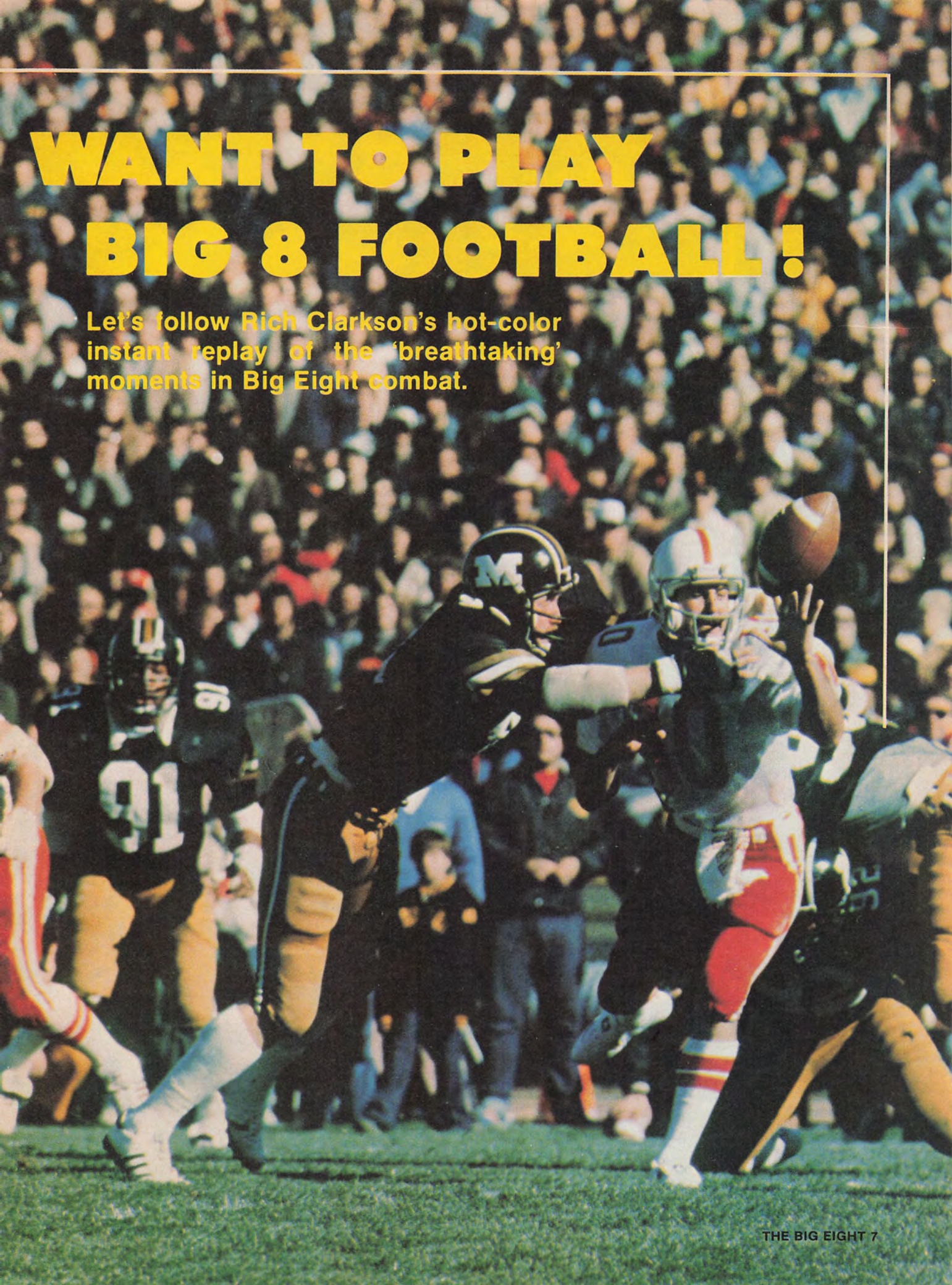

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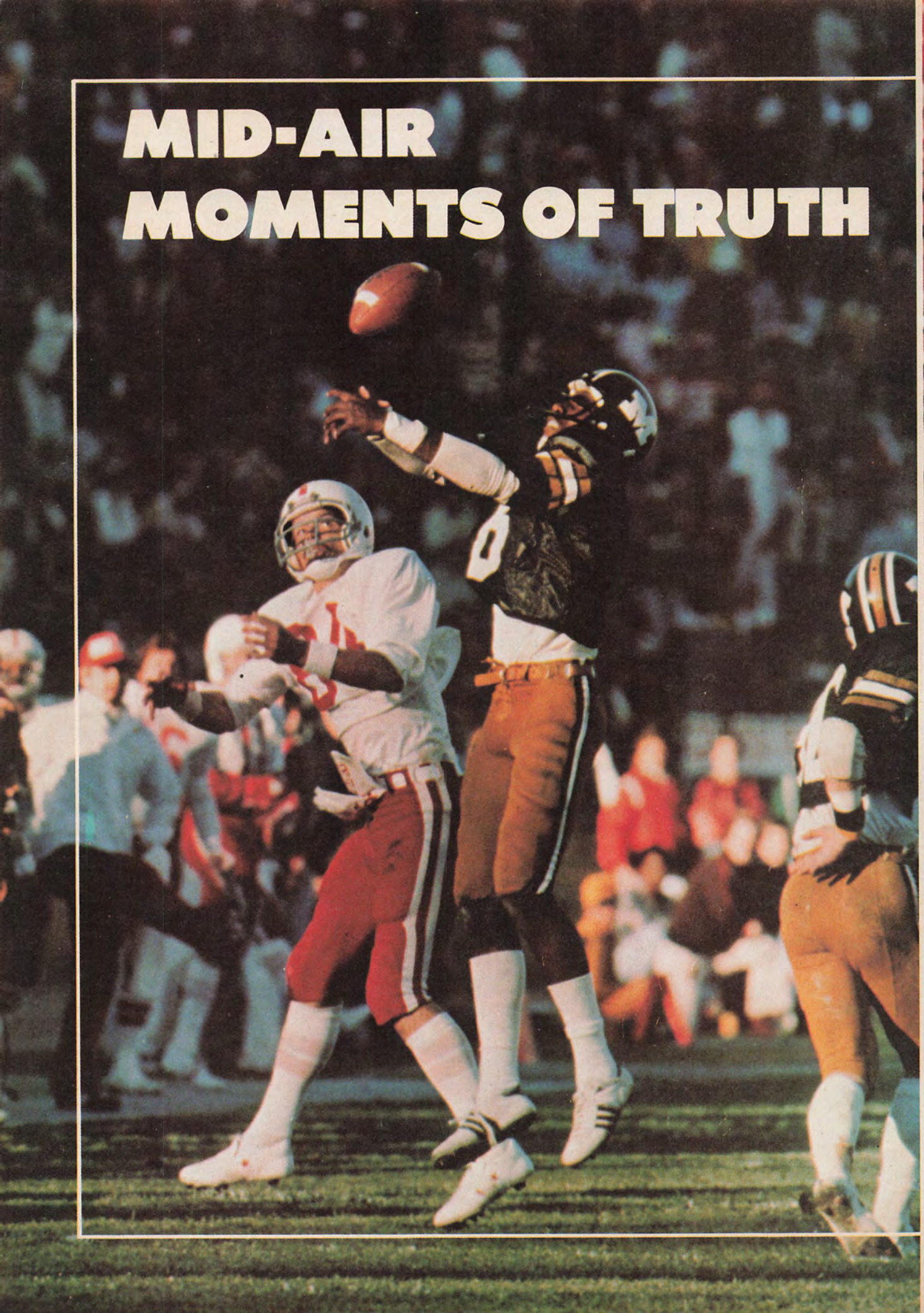

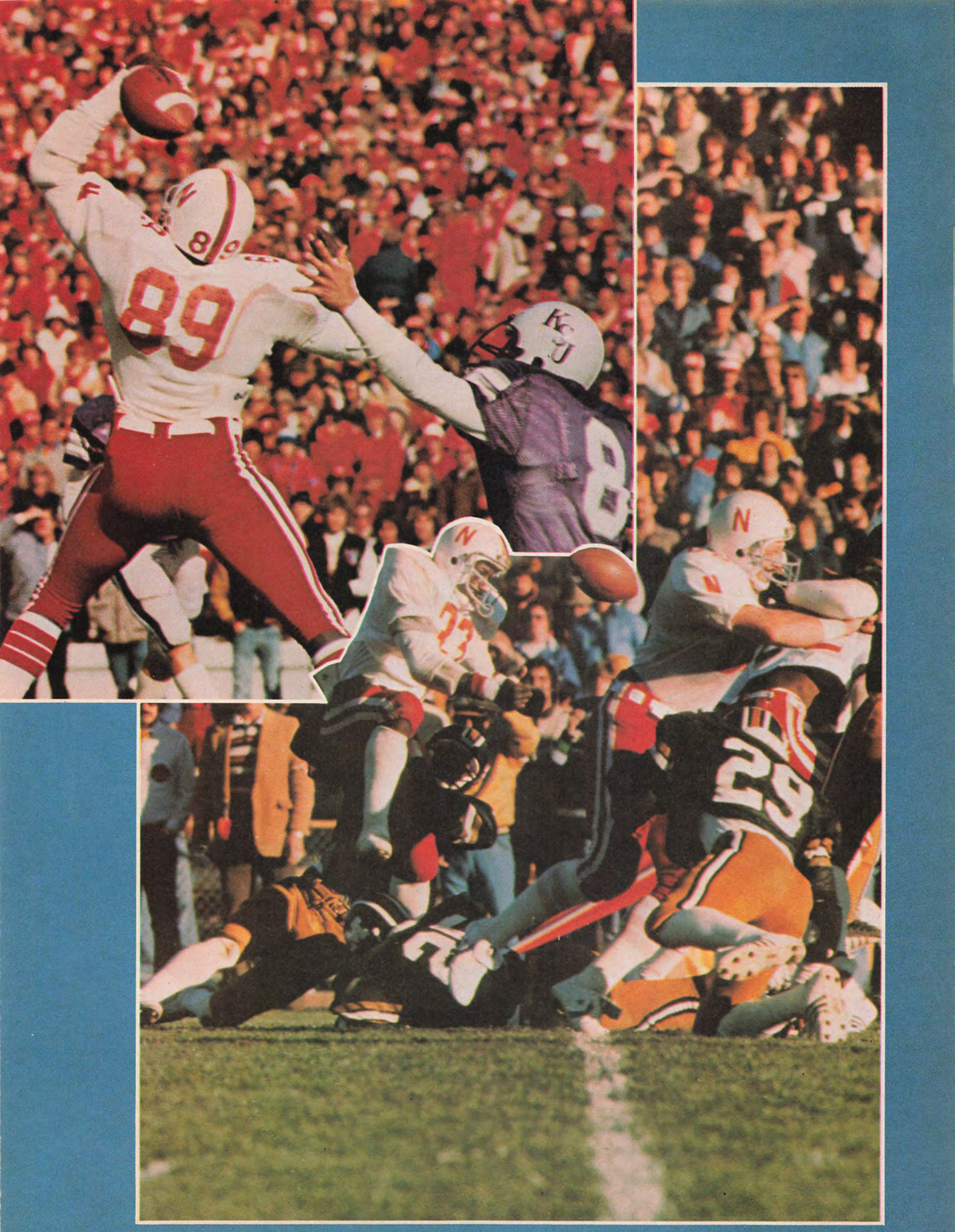
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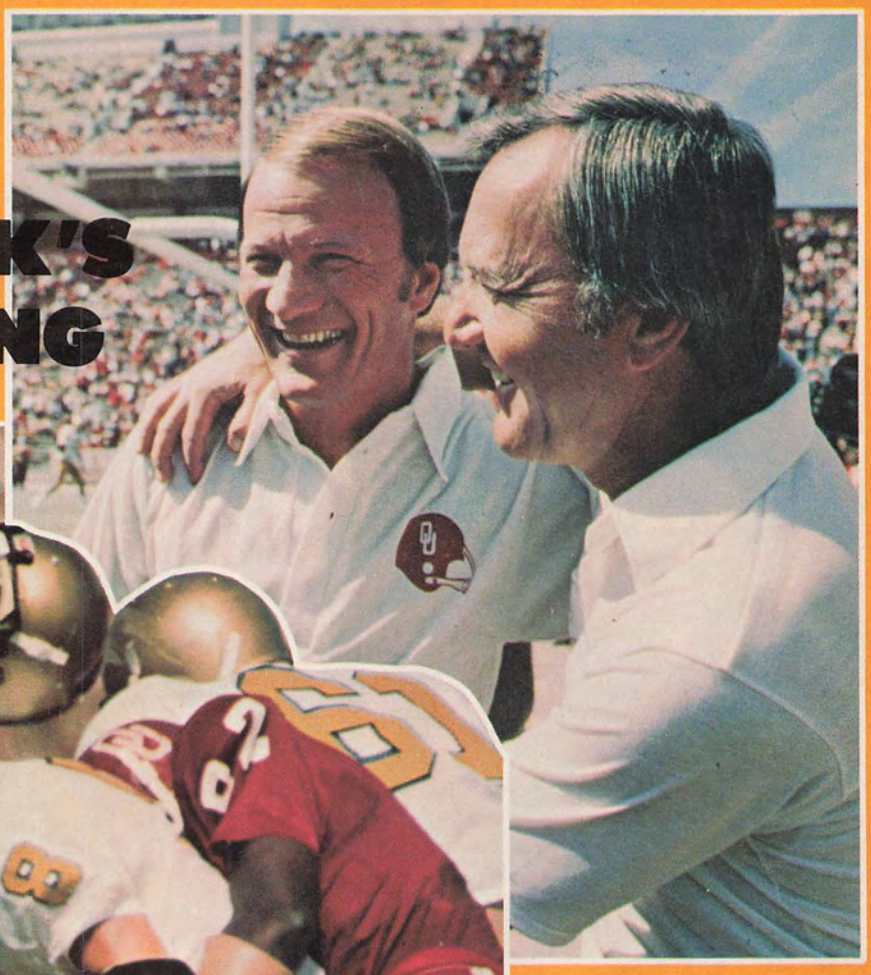

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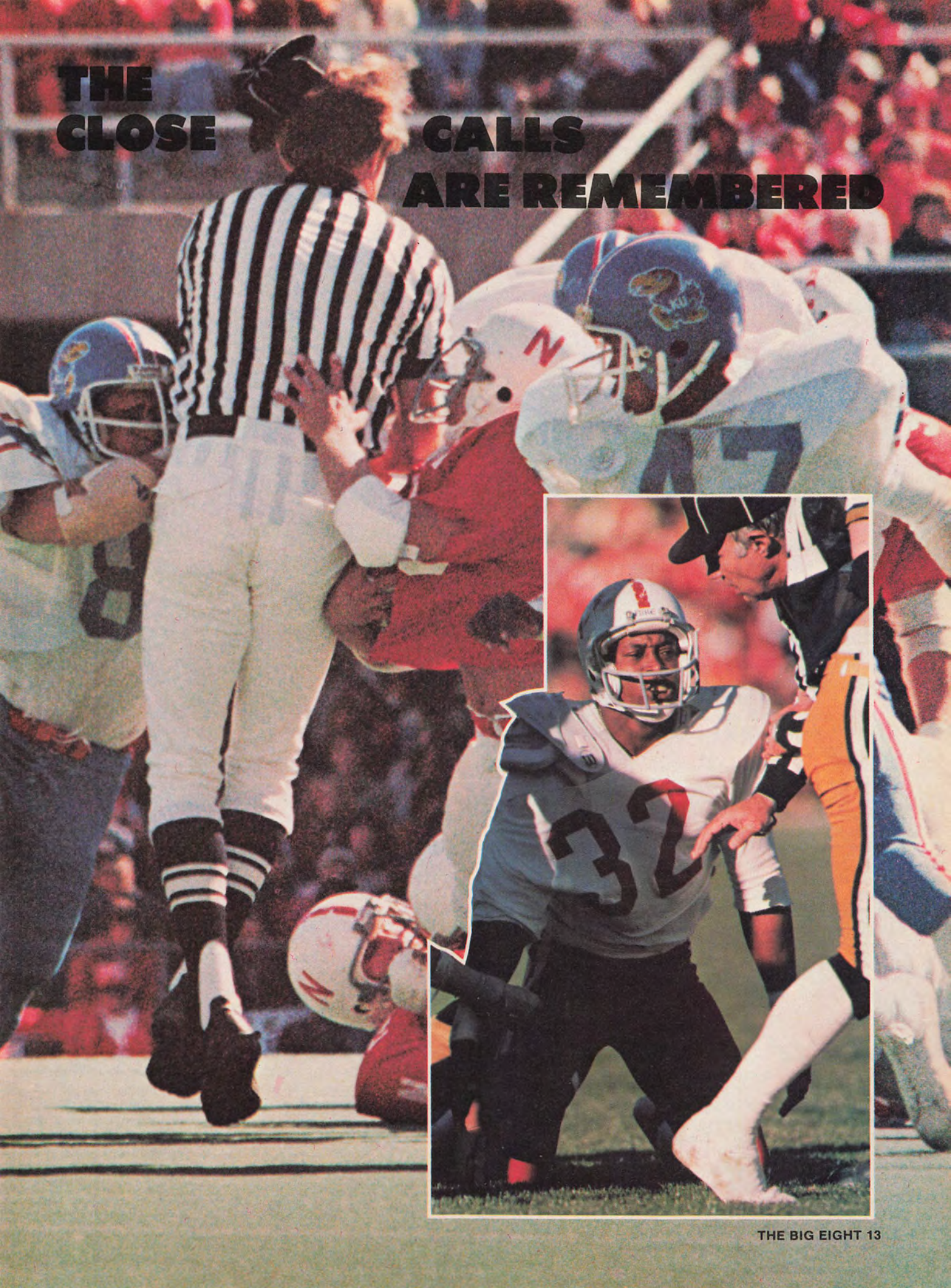

Hall of Fame

By **BILL CONNORS,** Sports Editor, *Tulsa World*

THE SIXTH CLASS of inductees to enter the Big Eight Football Hall of Fame includes the conference's second Heisman Trophy winner, the only back to win three consecutive rushing championships, the only back to win three straight scoring crowns, the all-time leader in passing yardage, the career leader in total offense and only the second passer to lead the conference three years in a row.

And, that covers only Steve Owens and Lynn Dickey!

Owens, workhorse tailback at Oklahoma in 1967-69, and Dickey, Kansas State quarterback in 1968-70, dominate the Big Eight Conference record book. Their Hall of Fame credentials are glittering.

Entering the shrine with Owens and Dickey in 1980 are Bobby Anderson, Colorado's versatile back of 1967-69; Tom Vaughn, Iowa State fullback of 1962-64; John Zook, Kansas defensive end of 1966-68, and Jon Kolb, Oklahoma State center of 1966-68.

They bring the number of inductees to 43 since the Hall of Fame was instituted by this magazine in 1975. Owens became the 12th honoree from Oklahoma. Nebraska follows with eight. Anderson and Zook give Colorado and Kansas five selections, same as Missouri. Kolb is Oklahoma State's fourth. Dickey and Vaughn are the second from Kansas State and Iowa State. Players whose college careers did not extend beyond 1970 were eligible for consideration this year.

Anderson was the leading vote-getter from the panel of eight writers. He gives Colorado the first brother act in the Hall of Fame. Dick Anderson, Colorado safety in 1965-67, was selected in 1978.

Anderson was an exception to the axiom that hometown heroes find grief, not stardom, if they play before natives. Anderson made the transition from Boulder schoolboy to university superstar without adjusting his stride.

He set 18 records at Colorado and became the first Big Eight player to eclipse 5,000 yards total offense in a career. He played quarterback as a sophomore and junior before switching to tailback the third game of his senior year.

With the exception of Vaughn, the 1980 inductees played against each other at a time when the Big Eight was entering its greatest era. The fact Zook is the only defender in this group illustrates the emphasis that was placed on offense in the late 60's.

Owens, Dickey and Anderson were the leaders of an offensive explosion that rocked the Big Eight in 1969. Kolb was perhaps the best offensive lineman of that period.

It is doubtful any Big Eight player ever shook the defensive establishment so profoundly as Dickey did in 1969. In one of the most shocking scores ever, Dickey completed 28 of 42 passes for 380 yards and three touchdowns as K-State slaughtered Oklahoma, 59-21. That was not a vintage Sooner team, but it had been respectable until that October day in Manhattan.

One week later Dickey faced a vintage Missouri team at Columbia. The Tigers were Big Eight co-champions and lost in the Orange Bowl, despite yielding only 10 points to a Penn State team that had Franco Harris, Lydell Mitchell and Charlie Pittman in the backfield and Jack Ham and Mike Reid to get them the ball.

Joe Paterno thought Missouri had one of the best defenses he had ever seen.

But Dickey ravaged it with 29 completions in 49 attempts for 394 yards in a shootout Missouri won, 41-38. In the '69 finale Dickey set a Big Eight record by completing 28 of 61 passes for 439 yards in a 32-45 loss to Colorado's Liberty Bowl champions.

As a senior, Dickey completed 27 of 46 passes for 384 yards and a last-minute touchdown pass in a 19-14 comeback against Oklahoma at Norman.

"Those two Oklahoma games were the highlights of my career," Dickey said. "It had been so long (35 years) since Kansas State beat Oklahoma. That made the '69 game more incredible. It seemed like everything jelled that day. We had great protection and our receivers were sensational. To beat Oklahoma again the next year, when they wanted to beat us so bad, was unbelievable."

The 6-4, 205-pound Dickey was recruited from Osawatomie, Kans., in the first class of Vince Gibson. "We gonna win," was Gibson's battle cry. The Wildcats were 15-16 in Dickey's three years. They progressed from 4-6 to 5-5 to 6-5.

Dickey left his mark on the Big Eight record book: 6,028 yards passing in a career; 2,476 in a season; 439 in one game; 5,779 yards total offense in a career, and 29 touchdown passes. Paul Chrisman of Missouri (1938-39-40) is the only other passer to lead the Big Eight (Then the Big Six) three straight years.

While Dickey made Kansas State respectable, Anderson took Colorado to a higher plateau, and to two bowl victories.

Ahead of Colorado's first postseason game of Eddie Crowder's

Steve Owens
OKLAHOMA

Lynn Dickey
KANSAS STATE

Jon Kolb
OKLAHOMA STATE

John Zook
KANSAS

regime, Anderson suffered an ankle injury and missed the team bus to the Bluebonnet Bowl, because he overslept. He did not start but was MVP of a 31-21 victory over Miami (Fla.).

Two years later Anderson made his valedictory game at Colorado a nightmare for Bear Bryant by rushing for a career high of 254 yards in a 47-33 victory over Alabama in the Liberty Bowl.

"Anderson made us look like a barber college team," Bryant lamented.

The 6-0, 205-pound Anderson led the Big Eight in total offense and was third in passing in 1968, and third in rushing and scoring in 1969. His 19 touchdowns in 1969 would have led the Big Eight in all but two years prior to 1969. But in '69 Anderson trailed Owens (23) and Kansas State wingback Mack Herron (21).

It was that kind of offensive year, and Owens dominated it. He led the nation in rushing (1,523), scoring (23 touchdowns) and carries (358) en route to winning the Heisman Trophy. Owens' junior year was just slightly less impressive: 1,536 yards and 21 touchdowns.

The second of four Big Eight players to win the Heisman (he was preceded by Billy Vessels of Oklahoma in 1952 and followed by Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers in 1972 and OU's Billy Sims in 1978), Owens was ideally equipped to play tailback in the power-I formation the Sooners used in the late 60's.

Oklahoma's comeback, after the nosedive that followed Wilkinson's dynasty, could be traced to the recruitment of Owens, a heralded schoolboy at Miami, Okla. He expected to attend Arkansas, because of his fondness for Arkansas assistant and recruiter Jim Mackenzie. Owens changed his mind when Oklahoma named Mackenzie head coach in 1966. Owens became Mackenzie's first recruiting prize.

It is proper that Owens would be Oklahoma's first post-Wilkinson player to be named to the Big Eight Hall of Fame.

As a sophomore, Owens alternated at tailback with Ron Shotts, a senior. Shotts started. But by midseason Chuck Fairbanks preferred Owens in crucial situations. This was no reflecton on Shotts. He was second in Big Eight rushing. The only runner who out-gained him was his understudy. No Big Eight runner ever led in rushing or scoring three straight years. Owens did both.

Owens helped lead Oklahoma to the conference championship and Orange Bowl victory over Tennessee (26-24) as a sophomore, to a share of the championship as a junior and was the major reason the disintegrating Sooners of '69 salvaged a fourth place finish.

The 6-2, 205-pound Owens compiled seven NCAA and five Big Eight records, surpassed 100 yards rushing in 17 straight games and scored a touchdown in 15 straight games. He scored five touchdowns against Nebraska in 1968. He played behind small blockers each year, and with a minimum of complementing offensive weapons when he won the Heisman.

Amazingly, Owens was never injured at Oklahoma and rarely fumbled. He averaged 4.3 yards per carry each year.

"Steve only had 4.7 speed (in the 40), but he was a tough, slashing runner and the best goal line runner I've ever seen in the Big Eight," said Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, who was offensive coordinator throughout Owens' career.

Switzer said, "We liked to give the ball to the tailback 30 times a game and when Steve was a sophomore we thought we needed to alternate two tailbacks so they would stay fresh. But the next year we found Steve could carry it 35-40 times a game. In his last game we gave it to him 55 times."

Owens remembers. It was a 28-27 cliffhanger against Oklahoma State, at Stillwater, only four days after Owens won the Heisman. OU failed to make a first down while trying to run out the clock and had to punt to the dangerous Dick Graham. A A good return would have put OSU in position to kick a field goal and win.

But the exhausted Owens, somehow, sprinted down field and tackled Graham just as he caught the punt to clinch the victory for OU.

"It's funny, since I carried the ball so many times, but that tackle was a play I will never forget," Owens said. "I was the back-up on our punting unit. I was really tired. I don't know where I got the energy. I guess it was just reaction. But I knew we couldn't let OSU beat us, and we knew if he made a good return they would beat us. So, I just took off."

Covering kicks was unusual for a starting back and the nearest thing to two-way duty players of Owens' years experienced. But substitution rules precluded specialization when Vaughn was a sophomore and junior at Iowa State, in 1962 and '63.

The 5-11, 195-pound Vaughn was a single-wing fullback who

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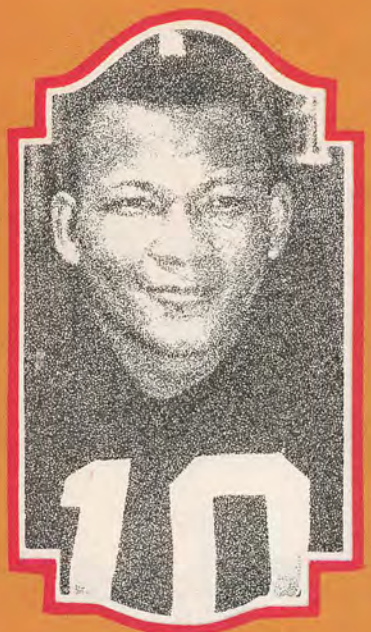

Tom Vaughn
IOWA STATE

Bobby Anderson
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excelled as a defensive back. In 1964, when unlimited substitution returned, Vaughn continued to double up on defense. He had six career interceptions and also returned kickoffs.

Vaughn's best year was in 1963, when he was third in the Big Eight and 11th nationally in rushing with 795 yards and made All-America. He was not as effective in 1964, when Iowa State switched to the T-formation.

Vaughn was a multi-sport star in Troy, Ohio when recruited by Lou McCullough, then an assistant and now athletic director. The fact Iowa State backs had won four straight Big Eight rushing titles (Dwight Nichols, 1958; Tom Watkins, 1959, and Dave Hoppmann, 1960-61) may have been a factor in the Cyclones' successful courting of Vaughn.

"But the main reason was McCullough," said Clay Stapleton, then the head coach. "Lou came from Ohio and had good contacts. Ohio State and other people wanted Vaughn. But Lou was a heckuva recruiter.

"It was a big day when we got Vaughn. We did not get enough to go with him. But he was a wonderful athlete. I never coached a better player or a better person. He did everything and never caused us one problem."

Stapleton chuckled and remembered an occasion in 1962 when Vaughn caused the coach to fret. A fire in the dressing room spread to an equipment room. An aide breathlessly informed Stapleton of the damage.

Stapleton's response: "Is Vaughn all right?"

"It was intended as a faceitious question?" Stapleton said, "because I was pretty sure all our players were safe. But it did reflect my appreciation of Tom Vaughn. He was sure more important to us than all of our equipment. You can order new equipment. You can't find many Tom Vaughns."

None of the 1980 inductees had a more unsuspecting background or a more rewarding professional career than Kolb. He was a recruiting sleeper from Owasso, Okla., who became an All-Big Eight center at Oklahoma State in 1967 and '68 and found a home at tackle in the offensive line of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Kolb has four Super Bowl championship rings and, after 10 years, is considered one of the strongest players in the NFL and the most underrated offensive lineman in the league.

Kolb would never go unnoticed today. But in 1965 Oklahoma did not contact him. Oklahoma State assistant Tom Turvey discovered Kolb and signed him with only token competition from Kansas. When the strapping Kolb out-ran the backs in wind sprints in an all-star game practice, an OU assistant asked Turvey, "where did you find him? And, where did you hide him?"

Kolb became OSU's starting center in spring practice ahead of his sophomore season, when he played without telling anyone he had a broken hand. As a sophomore the 6-2, 224-pound Kolb outplayed Granville Liggins, Oklahoma's great nose guard.

It was policy under Phil Cutchin for OSU to reserve praise for seniors. But Kolb made all-conference as a junior. There was not a better specimen in the Big Eight than the broad-shouldered, slim-waisted blond who had to have his coats tailor made.

Kolb has grown to 262. Steeler teammate Franco Harris said, "there are a lot of tough guys on our team, but the one I would least want to fight is Kolb. He is unbelievably strong."

In 1979, for the first time since he became a starter eight years ago, Kolb received some All-Pro mention.

"It would be nice to just once play in the Pro Bowl," Kolb said. "But there are a lot of All-Pros who have never been to a Super Bowl. I've been to four and never lost, so I can't complain. I think playing on losing teams at Oklahoma State made me appreciate being on winning teams."

Zook probably had an appreciation of the 1980 inductees that was not available to the others. As a defensive end at Kansas, Zook had to tackle Owens, Anderson and Dickey and fight off Kolb's blocks.

"There were so many great offensive players in the Big Eight--

Following are the members of the panel which selected the first 42 players for the Big Eight Hall of Fame:

BOB BROEG, Sports Editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch— Has been following Missouri football for more than 45 years and has covered the Tigers and the conference since the mid-1930's.

WALLY PROVOST, Columnist, Omaha World-Herald—Saw first conference game in 1932. Vice-president and historian for the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame.

FRANK HARAWAY, Denver Post—Covered Denver U. and the old Skyline Conference before switching to the Big Eight. His 25th season of Big Eight coverage is upcoming.

BILL CONNORS, Sports Editor, Tulsa World—Has been on the conference scene since the late 1940's Widely recognized for perceptive football writing.

VOLNEY MEECE, Columnist for the Oklahoma City Times—Started covering conference football in 1951. Meece is past president of the Football Writers' Association.

BUCK TURNBULL, Des Moines Register—Buck is the only writer who has made all 16 Big Eight Skywriters trips. He is a veteran observer of the conference.

BOB HENTZEN, Sports Editor, Topeka Capital—Started viewing conference football in the 1940's. Joined Oklahoma City Times in 1954 and moved to Topeka in 1958.

JOE McGUFF, Sports Editor, Kansas City Star—Joined Tulsa World in 1944; moved to the Star in 1948. Long-time observer of conference football, covered his first conference game in the 1950's.

Owens, Dickey, Anderson and I saw all of them in the NFL," Zook said. They did not take many liberties against the 6-5, 240-pound Zook.

In a poll conducted by the Lawrence Journal-World in 1976 to select Kansas' top 10 backs and top 10 linemen, Zook received more votes than any Jayhawk lineman.

He was a three-year starter and consensus All-America in 1968 when Kansas was Big Eight co-champion and lost to Penn State (14-15) in the Orange Bowl. Zook is one of 13 Kansas players to make more than 200 tackles in a career. He was credited with 202.

Zook, native of Larned, Kans., was recruited by Jack Mitchell's staff. Pepper Rodgers and his aides did not think highly of Zook when they first evaluated the junior-to-be upon their arrival in 1967.

John Cooper, who came with Rodgers off the staff of UCLA and is now head coach at Tulsa, said, "We had a real tough offseason conditioning program that first year. From what we saw we did not think Zook could start for us. He was not a great athlete and did not have great quickness.

"But Zook was an example of why you can't go too much by times in the 40 and how they look in ability drills. The first day he put on pads and headgear in spring practice it was obvious he was a football player. He worked hard and came to practice every day ready to play.

"He became a great player. But we were still under selling him when he went to the pros. I did not think he could make it as a defensive end in the NFL."

But he did--10 years for Atlanta, where he started immediately, and 1980 will be his second year with St. Louis.

Except for Kolb, the other inductees experienced frustration or injury-shortened careers in the NFL. Dickey was hobbled by injuries at Houston and was traded to Green Bay. He remains with the Packers. Anderson played with Denver, Washington and New England before retiring to Denver, where he is in business and works as a television sportscaster.

Vaughn played seven years as a defensive back and kick return specialist at Detroit before retiring in 1972. He was a labor relations representative for Chrysler, an assistant coach in the World Football League for two years and is now an assistant to the president of a bank in Ames.

Owens became Detroit's first 1,000-yard rusher and was selected to play in the Pro Bowl his second year in the NFL. But injuries hampered him in subsequent years and a disabling knee injury in 1974 ended his career--though he did not retire until 1976. He had several business ventures and worked as an analyst on the Sooner radio network before becoming national sales manager for United Bank Services. He resides in Norman.

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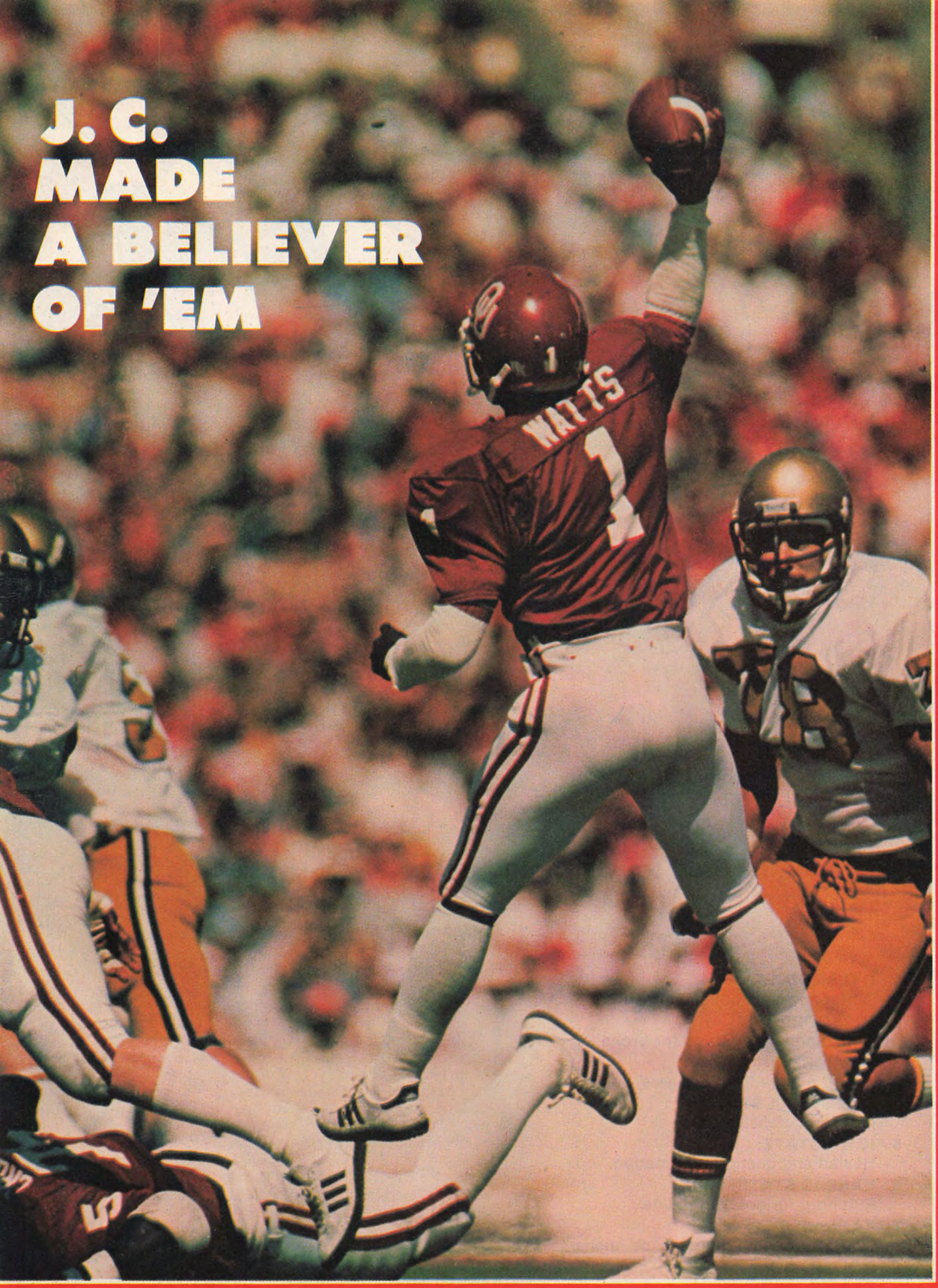

J. C. MADE A BELIEVER OF 'EM

A NEW DECADE HAS ARRIVED WITH NEW POSSIBILITIES!

Oklahoma favored to win ninth consecutive title, but Tigers gain challenging parity with Nebraska and Cowboys are poised to surprise.

By BILL CONNORS, Sports Editor, *Tulsa World*

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CAN THIS BE the Big Eight? The conference where every Oklahoma-Nebraska game of the 70's was for the championship; the conference where Oklahoma always had elite running backs and linebackers and Nebraska always had an army of award-winning linemen.

Suddenly, it's as though tradition disappeared with the 70's. In 1980 Oklahoma looks more like Nebraska, and Nebraska looks more like Oklahoma--and neither of the regrouping super powers has the established look of Missouri.

Oklahoma is short on running backs and linebackers but deep in linemen. Nebraska is lean on linemen but has the Big Eight's premier running back in Jarvis Redwine and perhaps the nation's best corps of linebackers.

Missouri can not match Nebraska in running backs or Oklahoma in linemen. But the Tigers have the year's most glamorous operative and an entry in the Heisman Trophy sweepstakes: Quarterback Phil Bradley. He is surrounded by a senior-laden cast that possesses across-the-board assets.

Missouri is not, however, favored to win its first outright championship since 1960 or its first share of the title since

1969, because Bradley and these same Tigers did not score a touchdown on Kansas State last year and failed to protect a two-touchdown lead against an Oklahoma State team that had a walkon at quarterback and an end playing fullback.

The Tigers in 1979 returned to their roller-coaster lifestyle. They scared the daylights out of Oklahoma and Nebraska but defaulted from the race early with a bewildering ineptness that is too fresh to inspire unqualified endorsements. No coach expressed this reservation more candidly than Warren Powers.

"We thought we could challenge last year and we were disappointed by our effort," Powers said. "We have not demonstrated that we can wear the tag of favorite or co-favorite. Oklahoma

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and Nebraska have to live with the tag every year and have proven they can handle it. We haven't. But I feel that we have the ability to win the championship."

Most of the coaches who were wary of Missouri's optimism last year tend to agree with Powers' 1980 assessment. Barry Switzer's colleagues picked Oklahoma to extend its string of championships to nine. But, for a change, they agreed it should be a three-team race.

In this magazine's poll of coaches to rate the top three teams, the vote was exceptionally close, in Oklahoma's favor. On a basis of eight points for first, seven for second and six for third, Oklahoma led with 61 points. Missouri had 54 points and Nebraska 53.

The consensus view: Oklahoma and Nebraska will be slightly off their pedestal form of the 70's, and Missouri should have its best team since the 60's.

Switzer claims Oklahoma's talent is the leanest since the pre-Wishbone era. The Sooners do not have a superstar, or a prospective superstar. But they have what championships are built around: An established quarterback in J. C. Watts and the Big Eight's best pair of defensive tackles. They also have a sufficient number of good players to prompt Switzer to admit, "we are capable of beating everyone on our schedule."

But, he qualified, "last year we had a great back (Billy Sims) and still had cliffhangers with Nebraska and Missouri. This year, I see us playing a lot of cliffhangers, because we don't have that great player who made the difference in the past."

But, when Oklahoma's backfield had a rocket at every positon, the Sooners did not have as many big, capable linemen as they have in 1980. Their offensive line is huge and experienced through two units. Their defensive line depth is inexperienced but fascinating.

This is precisely what Nebraska had for so many years but does not have in 1980. Tom Osborne never had to depend on so many inexperienced linemen and receivers. But after a spring dip into the league's deepest reservior, Osborne said, "we aren't going to be as bad off in these areas as I originally thought."

Redwine, who averaged seven yards per carry last year and was the only Big Eight back besides Sims to rush for 1,000 yards (1,042), gives Nebraska the breakaway threat that was once a fixture at Oklahoma. Redwine and "the best situation at linebacker we have ever had" make Osborne think "we are going to have a good team and expect to be in the thick of the race."

Osborne agreed being in the thick of the 1980 race meant more than contesting Oklahoma. "There is no question about it, Missouri has great talent and rates with Oklahoma and us," Osborne said.

Don Fambrough of Kansas expressed the coaches' consensus view of the 1980 race.

"Oklahoma and Nebraska recruit every year like they had lost every game on their schedule," Fambrough said. "They never let up. They get a great class every year. So, when they are down a little it only means they are not national champions. They will still be up there.

"Oklahoma may not have a Sims, but they will still have a great offense. And Nebraska will come up with some linemen you never heard of or forgot about. They always do. I envy them. They don't have to rush a kid into playing before he's ready. They redshirt him, put him on the scout team one year and keep him in that weight room, and when they need him he looks just like the great player he replaced.

"I can't see Oklahoma or Nebraska being much different than they have always been. But Missouri definitely has to be rated as a threat. Missouri's offense stacks up with the best in the country. I am not sure their defense is good enough to win the championship."

If the Big Eight has a team that might threaten its Big Three most coaches think it will be Oklahoma State. The Cowboys return the conference's most experienced team (17 starters) from last year when their surprise third-place finish earned Jimmy Johnson Coach of the Year honors.

O-State has a solid defense, featuring linebackers who may rival Nebraska's, and an offense that lacks only an established quarterback. Johnson thinks the Cowboys are "much better" than last year. "I think we have a chance to be on Missouri's level," Johnson said.

Iowa State also expects to be improved in Donnie Duncan's second year and was a near unanimous selection to top a stronger second division. Kansas State, Kansas and Colorado were closely bracketed in a battle to avoid the cellar, where K-State finished last year.

Iowa State's bounceback from a 3-8 crash last year is tied to regaining several key players from the league's longest casualty list and formation changes. The Cyclones will switch to the Multiple-I on offense and the 4-3 on defense.

Jimmy Dickey thinks Kansas State will have its best team since he became coach in 1978. The Wildcats appear to have a leader at quarterback in Dickey's sophomore son Darrell, and competent linemen, especially on defense. But their running backs remain suspect and their receivers are less capable than in recent years.

In contrast, Kansas "stacks up with the best at the skilled positions," Fambrough said. But the Jayhawks are unsettled at quarterback, unproven in both lines and dependent on junior college transfers to bolster the Big Eight's poorest defense in 1979.

Colorado has by far the gloomiest prospects, on and off the field. The Buffs are low on money and talent and under NCAA investigation. Their offense is experienced but slow and their defense must be rebuilt. They are counting heavily on freshmen.

Nevertheless, there was a reluctance by coaches to discount the Buffs. "I just can't see a Chuck Fairbanks team finishing last," Johnson said.

Oklahoma and Nebraska have won or shared every conference championship since Colorado won an outright crown in 1961. Dickey and Johnson, both of whom served under Fairbanks at Oklahoma in the early 70's when the Sooner-Cornhusker monopoly was at its flaming best, do not think there will be a change in the two-team domination.

"It may be that I feel this way because I don't want to think about having to compete with three great teams," Dickey said. "But I don't believe Missouri's program has caught up with Oklahoma and Nebraska."

Johnson repeated a point he made last year. "Depth is what separates Oklahoma and Nebraska from the rest of us," Johnson said. "I don't believe Missouri has that kind of depth."

Depth is a problem for Missouri. But the Tigers are the only

ANDRA FRANKLIN
Nebraska

contenders that can start 21 established players. Bradley is among 15 seniors (including kickers) scheduled to start, many of them for the third year. Included are three of the Big Eight's best performers in fullback James Wilder, offensive tackle Howard Richards and free safety Eric Wright.

If the predicted leaders do not falter the stage should be set for a suspenseful finish. They play each other in November. The schedule favors Nebraska. The Cornhuskers play all their probable first division rivals at Lincoln. Missouri plays all of them on the road. This may not necessarily be a handicap for the Tigers, since they lost five straight games at Columbia last year.

The Tigers will be the first contender to play a key game. They open the conference schedule at Oklahoma State, where they have not won since 1970. But Missouri's nonconference schedule should enable the Tigers to build momentum. Nebraska's nonconference schedule "is the toughest we have played in a while," Osborne said.

Missouri plays at Lincoln Nov. 1 and at Norman Nov. 15, one week before the Sooners play at Lincoln.

While the championship race looks more exciting than usual, there is a striking dropoff, particularly at Oklahoma, in bonafide All-American candidates. Offensive tackle Louis Oubre is Oklahoma's only nominee. Bradley, Redwine, Richards and Kansas flanker David Verser exhaust the list.

But there is no shortage of All-Conference contenders at fullback. At least five schools think their fullback is deserving. Worley Taylor of Oklahoma State made All-Conference last year, partly because Wilder was handicapped by injuries in the first half of the season. Osborne "would not trade Andra Franklin

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FORREST VALORA (82), the Sooners All-Conference tight end, catches a crucial pass against Texas in their annual Cotton Bowl shootout.

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for any fullback." Harry Sydney of Kansas and Stanley Wilson of Oklahoma have many admirers.

Those five fullbacks rate among the Big Eight's seven leading rushers who return from 1979.

Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Kansas are set at quarterback, and Colorado and Kansas have quarterbacks with starting experience. This plus a shortage of outstanding defenders suggests scores may be higher in a year that brings the $12 ticket to Norman and finds Kansas State off probation and Oklahoma State back on probation, though eligible to play in a bowl.

The Cowboys got off probation for a few days, after serving their sentence for 1974-75 sins, before beginning a new penalty for operating a slush fund in 1977-78.

With most members hard pressed to meet their budgets, business managers would welcome Oklahoma State becoming a fourth bowl team. It took a strong finish by Missouri to salvage a third bowl (Hall of Fame) last year, although Oklahoma (Orange) and Nebraska (Cotton) gave the conference its first pair of major bowls since 1972.

If Oklahoma is to win its fourth straight championship ticket to the Orange Bowl, and fifth in six years, the Sooners will apparently have to depend more than usual on their offense. That is where most of their assets are.

Except for a Heisman type runner, the Sooners seemingly have everything their Wishbone requires. Watts, who led the Big Eight last year in passing efficiency, capped a strong finish with a MVP performance in the Orange Bowl. And as Powers said, "I can't feel sorry for them when they have running backs like David Overstreet and Wilson. They may not be household names yet. But they will be."

Oklahoma's offensive line is bigger than many in the NFL. Tackle Lyndle Byford (286) is the best but not much bigger than the sophomoric linemen who matured ahead of schedule, playing beside Oubre, last year. Forrest Valora should be the conference's best tight end and Steve Rhodes would be an All-America split end if he played for a passing team.

Without Sims, Oklahoma will stress balance, more triple options and more passing. Watts assures flexibility. His so-so speed and strong arm compelled Oklahoma to incorporate more variations into its Wishbone at the outset of '79. But Watts and the Sooners did not peak until Switzer reverted to a more conservative, pure Wishbone attack. They will do whatever the defense dictates this year, Switzer said.

Oklahoma is not nearly as confident about its defense.

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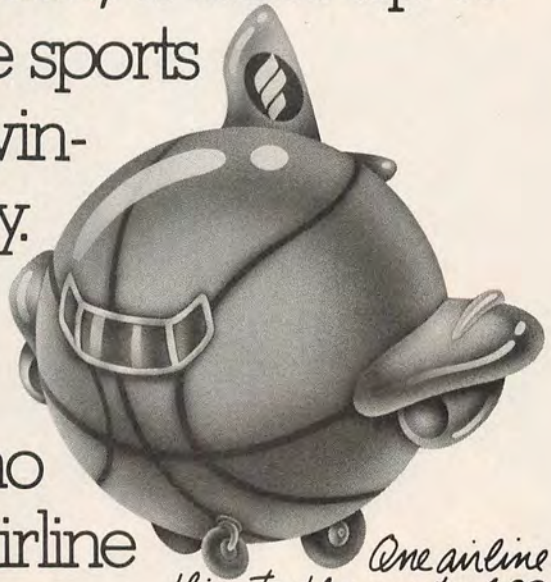

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Only the interior has a championship look. Tackles Keith Gary and Richard Turner should be the best pair in the Big Eight. The nose guard will also rate near this level, whether it is Johnnie Lewis, part-time starter last year, or John Blake, a sophomore who is so strong and so quick OU's veteran offensive linemen could not block him in spring practice.

But the Sooners are vulnerable at linebacker. They did not win a clear-cut championship in the 70's except when they had a blue ribbon linebacker. Their best linebacker in 1980 might be a freshman.

Their secondary has new safeties and cornerbacks who are experienced but short on size and fitness. The ends are new, though promising.

For sure, Oklahoma's defense will need to do a lot of growing up before it can expect to contend with Bradley and Missouri. Bradley unraveled a much better Oklahoma defense last year, when he led the Big Eight in total offense for the second straight year. Bradley can join Dwight Nichols (1957-59) of Iowa State as the only three-time winner of the total offense title. He is only 1,070 yards shy of the conference career record for total offense, held by Lynn Dickey (1968-70) of Kansas State.

An artful scrambler, Bradley is "the best trash thrower I've ever seen," one coach said of his skill on screen passes and flares."

Bradley expects to have his best year because, unlike a year ago, the Tigers open with seasoned receivers in tight end Andy Gibler and fleet flanker Ron Fellows. The bullish Wilder and the little flyer who starts at the other running back slot, Terry Hill, are also dangerous receivers. Whether he gets the ball from Bradley on a handoff or pass, Wilder is a menacing sight for defenders.

Missouri's main concern also involves Bradley; specifically, the 178-pounder's ability to withstand the punishing attention he is sure to receive. The Tigers' year is so dependent on Bradley that, despite all the other talents, many think it would be reduced to medicority if he were disabled--or should he defect in favor of professional baseball.

Missouri will protect Bradley with a line that rates with Oklahoma's. Richards is highly regarded by professional scouts and Powers calls Brad Edelman "as fine a center as I have ever been associated with."

The Tigers do not have comparable ability on defense, at least in the opinion of most rivals. But Powers said, "I think we have a chance to be stronger on defense than we are on offense." The best thing about Missouri's defense is the secondary, where Wright and cornerback Johnnie Poe anchor an all-veteran foursome. Wendell Ray ranks among the conference's best ends.

Clearly, there is a now-or-never look about the Tigers. They do not appear to have contending talent behind their senior class. Powers sought to get the Tigers in a dedicated mood for their challenge by reminding them of 1979.

"Our disappointments last year should be a lesson," Powers said. "We can not wait until the day of the Oklahoma and Nebraska games to play our best. We have to bear down every Saturday."

If any Big Eight team has a back who compares with Sims it is Nebraska with Redwine. He has extraordinary speed and outperformed Sims in the first half of 1979. The Big Eight's No. 4 returning rusher is Craig Johnson, Redwine's understudy.

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JEFF QUINN (11) PASSES over Sherwood Taylor (31) of the Sooners while Randy Schleusener (53) prepares to deliver a blow.

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Redwine and Johnson give the Cornhuskers envied punch and depth at tailback. Add Franklin and the Cornhuskers are obviously well equipped to run. "We feel that we have five good running backs," Osborne said.

And, that does not include the universe's No. 1 ball-carrying guard, Randy Schleusener, whose guard-around run for a touchdown against Oklahoma was the most talked-about play of 1979.

Jeff Quinn, in and out of the lineup last year, "should make us better at quarterback," Osborne said. Providing Quinn with competent blockers and receivers was the No. 1 concern going into spring practice. But the assembly line produced another line of refrigerators to go with Schleusener, and a hot receiver.

Split end Todd Brown was the most pleasant development of spring practice. Anthony Steels and Jeff Finn, at tight end and wingback, respectively, "are not as good as what we have had, but look adequate," Osborne said.

The Cornhuskers look much better than adequate at linebacker, because of Brent Williams and Kim Baker, plus their backups. The secondary is experienced but smaller than desired. The new linemen are quicker than their predecessors, and more along Oklahoma lines. Although Nebraska had 177 players in spring practice. Osborne said, "the scholarship limits have caught up with us. We just don't have the depth that we used to have. Our defensive line is the same situation as our offensive line. Our starters look fine, but we don't have any experience on our second line."

Osborne went into spring practice thinking his No. 1 defensive line was suspect. Tackles Henry Waechter and Toby Williams changed his mind. If David Clark heals from back surgery and nose guard Curt Hineline plays to expectations,

the Cornhuskers will have their quickest defense in several years. Derrie Nelson might be the league's best defensive end.

No Big Eight team has as many All-Conference possibilities as Oklahoma State. Johnson recommends seven. Four have credentials. Taylor made it last year when he gained 994 yards despite missing two games and averaged only 26 yards per game less than Sims. Linebacker Ricky Young was also a first team selection, and tackle Curtis Boone and free safety Greggory Johnson were second team choices.

Johnson predicts offensive tackle Roger Taylor, moved from defense and unnoticed by all-star pickers last year, and sprinter-flanker Ron Ingram will be among the league's best at their positions. Defensive end Dexter Manley might be the Big Eight's best specimen capable of being defender of the year.

Another All-Conference possibility is linebacker Mike Green, Green and Young ("He is going to be a great player," Johnson said) might be the strongest part of a defense that will be among the Big Eight's best if the starters remain fit. No defense will have four better talents than Young, Manley, Boone and Green.

The key is quarterback John Doerner. He does not have the arm OSU prefers for its pass-first offense. But Johnson expects Doerner to be consistent and effective, "because he will be surrounded by players who are much better and stronger than last year."

The 7-4 Cowboys were only eight points from a 4-7 record last year. They won improbable comebacks against Missouri and Colorado. "I would not want to play last year's schedule again with last year's talent," Johnson said. "We may not be as lucky or as successful this year, but we are a lot better."

Iowa State also expects to be considerably better, simply by "doing a lot of healing," Duncan said. Regaining tailback Rocky Gillis and flanker Vinny Cerrato should improve the offense. But the most celebrated cripple, nose guard Chris Boskey, is thought to have only a 50-50 chance of playing.

Boskey, Defensive Newcomer of the Year in 1978, had a slow recovery from knee surgery. He was eliminated from defensive plans and moved to offensive guard. He may also be given a trial at tight end, where the Cyclones are waiting on a junior college transfer or a freshman to take over.

Duncan thinks quarterback John Quinn, who completed only four of 18 passes last year, will be effective in the Multiple-I formation. He will work behind a line that yields only to Oklahoma in size. The defense is unsettled at linebacker but has suitable linemen, even without Boskey, to play the four-man front. Free safety Larry Crawford is the ace of a secondary that is expected to be bolstered by strong safety Terron Rogers, perhaps the best of several junior college transfers.

"Without question we should be a better team," Duncan said. "I think we can be competitive. But we are still awfully young. We may start 10 sophomores."

If Kansas State confirms Dickey's theory about linemen being more vital than running backs, the Wildcats should

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1980 BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE*

GAME DAYS	IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	OKLA. STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA
September 13	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	at Louisiana State		at UCLA	Oregon at Portland	NEW MEXICO	UTAH	KENTUCKY
September 20	SAN JOSE STATE	SOUTH DAKOTA	Arkansas at Little Rock	at Louisiana State	PITTSBURGH	ILLINOIS	IOWA	
September 27	at Iowa	ARKANSAS STATE	WEST TEXAS STATE	INDIANA	LOUISVILLE	at San Diego State	at Penn State	STANFORD
October 4	COLORADO STATE	at Tulsa	WASHINGTON	OKLAHOMA	at Syracuse	PENN STATE	FLORIDA STATE	at Colorado
October 11	KANSAS STATE	at Iowa State	MISSOURI	DRAKE	NEBRASKA	at Oklahoma State	at Kansas	Texas at Dallas
October 18	at Kansas	at Oklahoma	at Nebraska	at Missouri	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS STATE
October 25	OKLAHOMA	MISSOURI	KANSAS	NEBRASKA	at Oklahoma State	at Kansas State	at Colorado	at Iowa State
November 1	at Colorado	KANSAS	at San Diego State	IOWA STATE	at Kansas State	at Nebraska	MISSOURI	NORTH CAROLINA
November 8	at Missouri	at Nebraska	COLORADO	at Oklahoma State	OKLAHOMA	IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	at Kansas
November 15	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA STATE	at Kansas State	KANSAS	at Colorado	at Oklahoma	at Iowa State	MISSOURI
November 22	at Oklahoma State	COLORADO	IOWA STATE	at Kansas State	at Missouri	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	at Nebraska
November 29			at Oklahoma					OKLAHOMA STATE

* CAPS indicate home games.

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Kansas State

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charge out of the cellar. They do not have the kind of running backs Dickey wants. But they have their best linemen in several years.

The best are James Walker, All-Big Eight defensive end, and Tim Cole, linebacker with "the potential to be great," Dickey said. Guard Amos Donaldson is the ace of an improved offensive line. But split end John Liebe is the only comparable talent for quarterback Darrell Dickey to exploit at the skilled positions.

"I've heard coaches debate whether they would rather have great running backs or great linemen," Dickey said. "I prefer linemen and so I am encouraged, because we have good linemen. I think this is the most talented team we've had since I came here. But I don't know what that means in terms of progress."

Dickey hopes it means the Wildcats play the weaker teams the way they played the best teams in 1979. They forced Oklahoma to come from behind in the second half, gave Nebraska an awful scare and defeated Missouri in the year's biggest surprise. But they went winless against the rest of the conference.

The Wildcats should have an improved secondary, because of numbers. They were so short of defensive backs last year they used a three-deep alignment. Surprisingly, it was not exploited until the final two games by Oklahoma State and Colorado. Dickey expects to have the problem corrected this year.

If the Big Eight has a 1980 surprise to follow the example of K-State in '78 and O-State in '79, it might be Kansas. The Jayhawks are a contrast to K-State. KU's assets are the skilled positions, and its liabilities are in the line.

But if Kevin Clinton or any quarterback plays adequately the Jayhawks might leap past Iowa State. Clinton was disappointng (38 per cent completions, no touchdowns and

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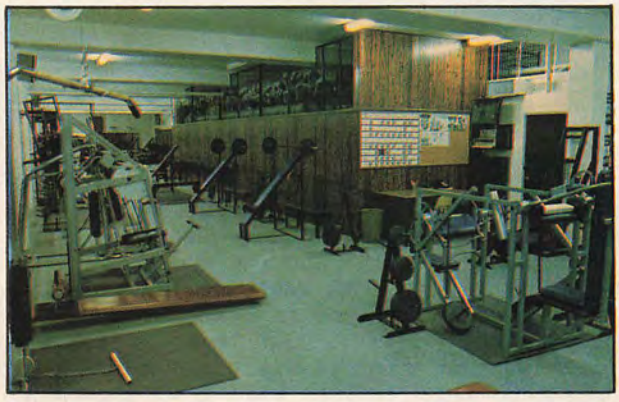

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Sept.20	South Dakota	Manhattan
Sept.27	Arkansas State	Manhattan
Oct.4	Tulsa	Tulsa
Oct.11	Iowa State	Ames
Oct.18	Oklahoma	Norman
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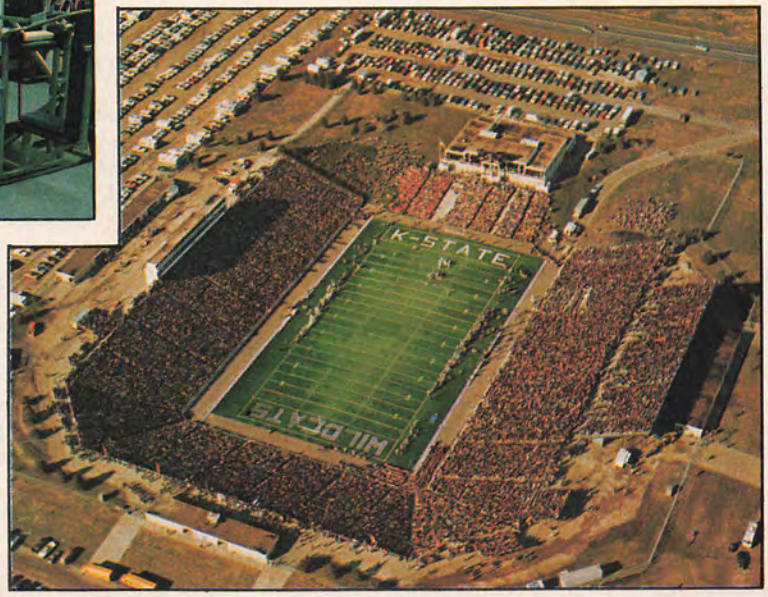

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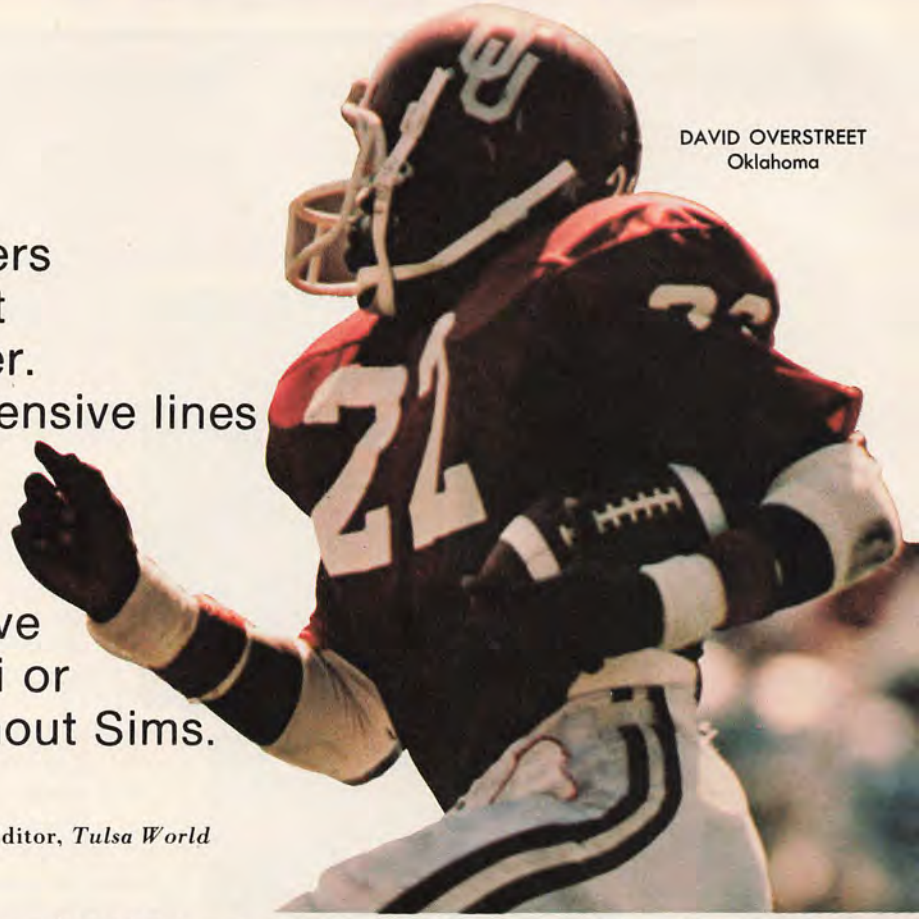

DAVID OVERSTREET
Oklahoma

Since 1967, the Sooners have not been without a Heisman-type runner. The offensive and defensive lines are the best in the league, but one has to wonder if Oklahoma could have beaten either Missouri or Nebraska in 1979 without Sims.

By BILL CONNORS, Sports Editor, *Tulsa World*

THE FIRST YEAR in each of the three preceding decades produced landmarks in Oklahoma football. In 1950, Oklahoma won its first national championship. In 1960, Bud Wilkinson's dynasty collapsed and a 3-6-1 record plunged the Sooners into a recession. In 1970, they installed the Wishbone and returned to the summit.

Each development was as surprising as it was significant.

Nineteen-eighty dawns with no forecast of a recession in Oklahoma. But there is a sobering prospect of change and shortages. Oklahoma's situation might be likened to the U.S. energy problem. The country lacks oil. Oklahoma lacks superstars.

It is a matter of the spoiled learning to function with less luxury. Just as the public is having to conserve gasoline, the Sooners will have to become more prudent with the way they handle the football. They can not afford to fumble so much, because they have no backs who are apt to score on any play and no linebackers who can make offensive waste and mistakes seem unimportant.

Between Steve Owen's varsity arrival in 1967 and Billy Sims' valedictory dash in the Orange Bowl last Jan. 1, Oklahoma was never without a Heisman-type runner. Greg Pruitt followed Owens and Joe Washington followed Pruitt. OU's best teams had both backfield rockets and superior linebackers.

The 1980 Sooners have neither, nor any hot prospects at those positions above freshman classification. Their only established candidate for All-America is offensive tackle Louis Oubre and he may play guard. Their defense has new ends, new linebackers and new safeties.

Barry Switzer, beginning his eighth season as head coach and his 15th at Oklahoma, said with uncharacteristic caution: "We have less talent than at any time since the late 60's."

This assessment is more of a tribute to the past than an indictment of the present. Switzer was comparing his team to the Oklahoma that averaged 10.2 victories in the 70's, and won or shared the last eight Big Eight Conference championships.

"We will be a good team and have a chance to beat anybody we play," Switzer said. "And, I expect they will rank us high, out of habit. But, it's too early to know if we deserve to be ranked. We certainly aren't what we've been. We will have to struggle in a lot of games, because we have lost the edge we had in talent.

"We have always had a great back who gave us an edge. Now, for the first time, we don't have one."

What Oklahoma does have is a lot of good or promising players, through two units; enough to make most coaches envious of Switzer. In fact, the Sooners have their best group of underclass linemen in several years. But, they do not have a superstar running back.

David Overstreet, however, thinks Oklahoma would have such a back if he carried the ball 20-25 times a game. One of eight returning starters on offense, Overstreet is the only member of the

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STANLEY WILSON
Oklahoma

No. 1 backfield with breakaway (4.5) speed. Oklahoma is counting on Overstreet to reel in some of the slack left by Sims. But Overstreet is not projected as a ball-carrying workhorse. For one thing, he blocks to well. He is Oklahoma's best blocking back of the Wishbone era.

Overstreet thinks "I have as much ability as any back in the country and I would like to carry the ball 20-25 times a game." But he will accept without complaint his scheduled role in a star-less cast that will emphasize balance.

If the Sooners do not have an entry in this year's Heisman sweepstakes, they have other things a successful offense must have: A first-class quarterback in J. C. Watts, and an experienced, massive line. In addition, the tight end-split end duo of Forrest Valora and Steve Rhodes is Oklahoma's best in some time.

And, while the running backs do not rate pedestal status, they are competent. Fullback Stanley Wilson, who performed admirably as a freshman starter last year, and halfback Chet Winters, willowy sophomore who takes over Sims' position, are skillful ball-carriers. They just aren't rockets. They have 4.7 and 4.65 speed; respectively, in the 40. This may change Oklahoma's look from exotic to methodical, but without necessarily changing the scoreboard--if they fumble infrequently.

Defensively, the Sooners should have the best linemen in the Big Eight. Keith Gary and Richard Turner are the best pair of tackles in the conference. Johnnie Lewis will be one of the best nose guards, if he withstands the challenge of sophomore John Blake. Blake, 250 and sensationally quick, was the rage of spring practice.

The Sooners have established cornerbacks and an all-purpose kicker in Mike Keeling. Elsewhere, the defense is vulnerable. The new ends and safeties are promising. The new linebackers are suspect. *Continued on page 80.*

"I'M NOT GOING TO BLOW OUR OWN HORN, BUT..."

There's no need to blow their own horn now, the Tigers have arrived.

By BILL BECK, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

WARREN POWERS, with two appearances to show for his two seasons as coach at University of Missouri, is not sure that he oversold his football team a year ago when he saw it as a strong contender if not an outright favorite to grab the Big Eight title and all the fringe benefits that went with it.

"We may have blown our own horn too much last year, but I thought we had to if we were going to be honest," said Powers. "Our players had never been favorites before, but if you looked at what we did and what we had coming back, we had to. And I wanted to see how our players would respond to being a favorite.

"Well, I'm not going to blow our horn again, but if you look at what everybody's (in the Big Eight) got coming back, I definitely think we've got as good a football team as anybody. It's just a matter of going out there and playing like it. That's what we didn't do last year-play as well as we should have."

Actually, the Tigers of 1979 tripped over an old movie, a hamstring pull and as green a set of receivers as ever broke patterns as they settled for a 3-4 mark in the Big Eight and 7-5, overall.

The old movie was of Missouri's 35-31 victory over previously unbeaten and then ranked No. 1 nationally Nebraska in the 10th game of the 1978 season.

James Wilder, Missouri's 215-pound then-sophomore running back hit the 'Huskers for three second-half touchdowns including a decisive final TD from seven yards out on which Wilder contemptuously flattened a Nebraska defensive back with a well-placed forearm.

This moved opposing coaches to vow that henceforth they would cheat defensively when facing the Tigers; they would align their defenders to stop the run, no matter what else happened.

So the Tigers saw a procession of eight and nine-man lines as they opened the 1979 season and there was no Wilder to run against them. Wilder was never Wilder because of the above mentioned hamstring pull, although he did average a respectable 71.7 yards per game rushing.

The circle of disappointing circumstances came complete with the green receivers. A year earlier, quarterback Phil Bradley would have joyfully destroyed the single coverages thrown up against him with accurate tosses to the likes of All-America Kelven Winslow, Leo Lewis or Lamont Downer.

But until midseason or beyond, Bradley had nobody to throw to. His inexperienced targets too often were knocked down at the line of scrimmage, broke their patterns or just plain dropped the ball.

Yet, for all this disappointment, it is impossible to ignore the fact that Missouri missed a 9-2 season and a Big Eight title by the sparce margin of six points--a 14-13 loss to Oklahoma State, a 23-20 reverse at the hands of Nebraska and a 24-22 disappointment against Oklahoma, in which the Tigers missed three field goals, two inside the 20.

With 17 returning starters--only Oklahoma State has more--it is no wonder that Powers says Missouri's possibilities are "as good as anybody" in the Conference.

Actually, Missouri will be about 180 degrees changes from 1979. Where a year ago, the offensive line was the strength of the team both in experience and depth, it is now a problem area once you get by the starters, who look solid.

Where last year, the defense lacked both depth and experience, eight starters return including all four of the deep backs.

The constant factor in the 1979 and 1980 teams is the threat of Bradley and Wilder in the same backfield. Bradley, the Big Eight's total offense king in both his sophomore and junior seasons is an odds on favorite to bag that title a record-equaling third straight time. Wilder, his hamstring problem behind him and much more comfortable for the January surgery that removed a painful bone spur from his knee, should be the same powerhouse back who destroyed Nebraska in that fateful 10th game of the 1978 season.

Powers will miss running back Gerry Ells who led the Tigers in scoring (nine TDs) and receptions (23) but juniors Terry Hill (5-7, 172, 4.6 seconds) and Bobby Meyer (5-10, 195, 4.6) are experienced replacements. James Scott,

a redshirt, can move his 6-1, 194-pound frame at 4.43 seconds over 40 yards.

It is doubtful that single-coverage defenses will meet with success against Missouri this fall. Andy Gibler established himself as one of the best tight ends in the league in 1979 with 23 catches for 316 yards and four TDs, though only a freshman. The 6-4, 222-pounder with 4.7 speed returns, bigger, stronger and wiser.

Missouri's wide-outs are also experienced. Flanker Ron Fellows (5-11, 155, 4.45 seconds) and split-end Ken Blair (6-2, 204, 4.5 seconds) certainly profited by 1979 embarassments. Lee Wagner, 6-4, 204-pound junior who started the last half of the 1979 season, will figure if he can shake the hamstring pull that blighted spring practice for spring practice for him.

All five of Mizzou's interior offensive linemen are experienced. Howard Richards, a 6-5, 256-pound Playboy preseason All-America, is the leader and he is looking for his fourth letter at offensive tackle.

Also looking for a fourth letter is Wayne Washington, 6-5, 255-pound brother of former Mizzou All-America Russ Washington. Wayne was a starter as a freshman at tackle and played considerably as a sophomore and junior although he did not start.

Kevin Saddler (6-4, 245) is the replacement for departed captain Mark Jones at

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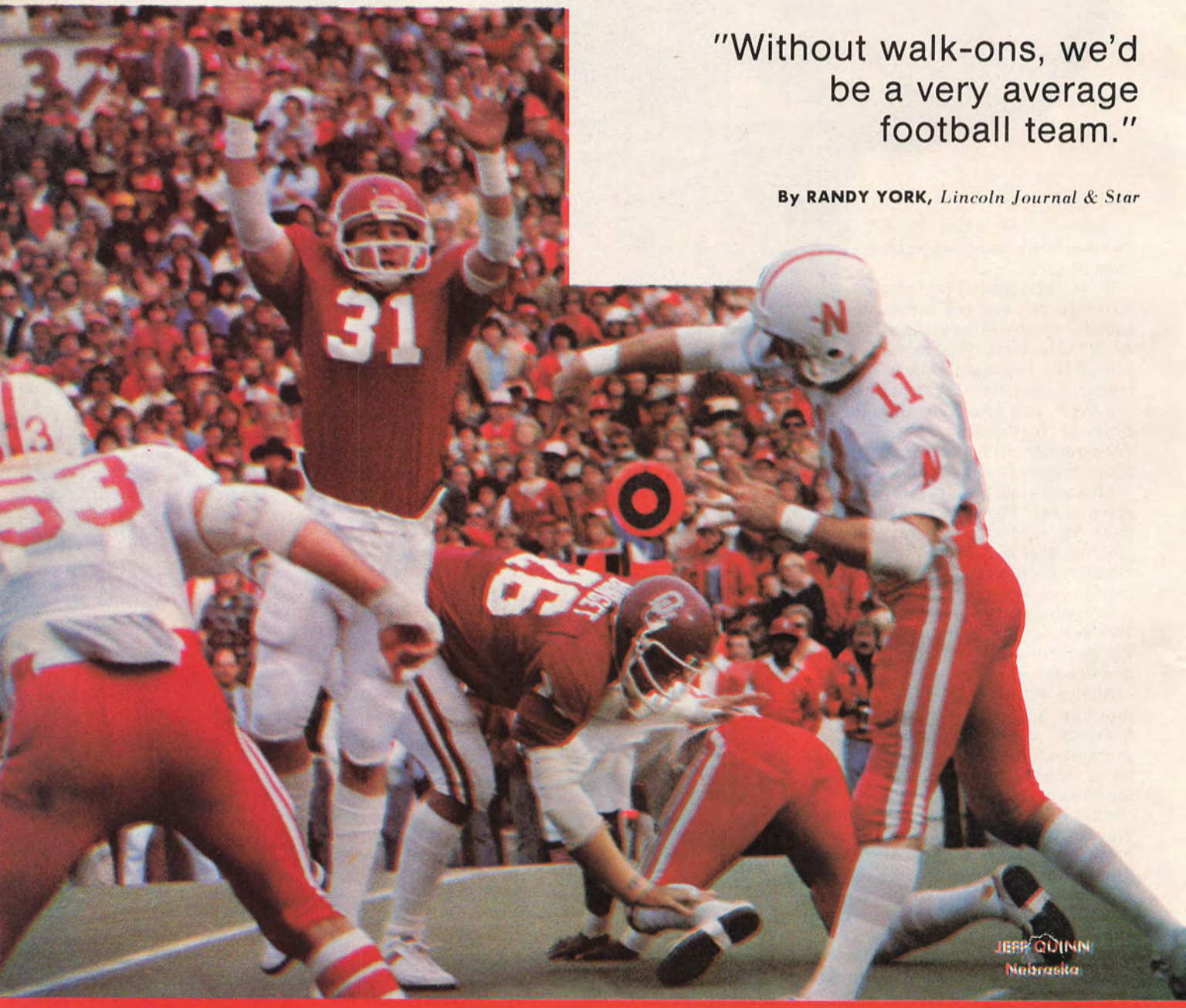
JAMES WILDER
Missouri

A SIGN OF WEAKNESS ... OR AN INNOVATION OF STRENGTH?

"Without walk-ons, we'd be a very average football team."

By **RANDY YORK,** *Lincoln Journal & Star*



ANDY MEANS
Nebraska

THE MOST INTERESTING THING about Nebraska's two premier defensive ends is not their athletic ability or their speed or their strength or the savvy.

No, the most interesting thing about Derrie Nelson and Jimmy Williams is that both are walk-ons--Nelson from Nebraska hamlet of Fairmont (pop. 761) and Williams from the nation's capital.

Nelson's yellow brick road to Husker stardom required a 50-minute drive down Highway 6. Williams flew into Lincoln with great film reviews, but no scholarship. Nebraska was the only major school to show an interest in him.

Big Red would be dead without players like Nelson, already an All-Big Eight defensive end, and Williams, an almost sure bet to become one.

"Walk on" at Nebraska hardly means "dream on."

Just look at the makeup of the team the Huskers will put on the field this fall for their annual run at the Big Eight championship:

- Of NU's 22 starters, eight are walk-ons, the highest total in the Bob Devaney-Tom Osborne era. Ten starters are Nebraska natives.
- Of NU's top 44 players on the final spring depth chart, 20 are walk-ons. Twenty-five of the top 44 are home-state products.

Of the team Tom Osborne is most likely to take on the road this season, 57 percent are athletes who grew up convinced there really is no place like Nebraska. Forty-six percent are walk-ons who couldn't seduce another program with their talents.

Before you react negatively to what Osborne considers a positive situation, digest one more rather startling fact: of Nebraska's 11 best candidates for All-Big Eight honors, seven are walk-ons.

Nelson and Williams, of course, are two. The others are I-back Jarvis Redwine, wingback Anthony "Slick" Steels, cornerback Andy Means and defensive tackles Toby Williams (Jimmy's brother) and David Clark.

Fullback Andra Franklin, safety Russell Gary, offensive guard Randy

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NOT

By **TOM DIRATO,** *Stillwater*

JIMMY JOHNSON looked right at home with a microphone in his hand. While his assistants and various members of the state media were calling the offensive and defensive shots, the second-year Oklahoma State grid boss was taking some shots of his own.

"What kind of play was that?" the 1979 Big Eight Coach of the Year laughed. "I know some people who may be out of jobs next week. Surely, that was the strategy of a writer."

Johnson likes to trade places with writers and broadcasters once a year. He seems to look forward to sitting in the press box, "where I can enjoy an afternoon and get away from all the pressure."

This year's 50-yard line seat was located about 40 rows up the south side of Lewis Stadium. The booth was a make-shift enclosure since the press box is being rebuilt. But, even the crowded conditions couldn't keep Johnson from enjoying his "day off".

If, in fact, it was a day away from the office, no one could blame him from

Worley Taylor was All-Conference as a junior, in a league with the likes of Sims, Redwine and Wilder.

RESTING ON THESE LAURELS

Jimmy Johnson was selected as the Coach of the Year for the Big 8 Conference in his freshman season and is convincingly authoring a miracle in Stillwater.

relishing a change of scenery. Since becoming Oklahoma State's 18th head football coach his accomplishments have almost matched his hectic work schedule.

Johnson's incredible 7-4 effort in his first campaign at the helm has been well-documented. His fine recruiting hauls in each of the last two springs have been just as impressive. Being named league Coach of the Year by both wire services speaks for itself.

But, one thing Johnson has not done is rest on any of those laurels. Armed with more confidence, a nearly whistle-clean NCAA slate, and enough talent to comprise a true, two-deep depth chart, he's already taking dead aim at the 1980 season.

"Overall, I'm extremely pleased with how far our team has come," Johnson said after viewing the White's 21-7 win over the Orange in the annual Spring Game. "I've got to watch myself and make sure I don't get too over-enthusiastic. After all, there is still a lot of work left to be done.

"This spring has made me feel so much better about our football team. We've accomplished much more than last year. I can remember being out there last spring. We got excited when someone made one good hit or play each scrimmage. Now, they make a bunch every day.

"We're a more sophisticated and physical team than the one we put on the field last year. Our off-season weight program has really made a difference. Most of our players became stronger during the off-season and that showed up this spring when we had a minimum of injury.

"When we arrived a year ago, about 12 players could bench press over 300 pounds. Now we have 47. That makes us a very physical team on both sides of the ball."

The Pokes have also become a year wiser. Last season they learned by doing--most of the time in game situations. "But, this spring we were able to evaluate the talent on how much was learned. Hey, we couldn't even get down to the basics last spring because we were trying to find out who could play."

There is still a lingering problem, however. That won't be remedied until Johnson and company string together a few recruiting seasons--complete with a full 30 scholarships. Only this year were the Cowboys able to sign that many after the NCAA removed signing sanctions.

Depth, heading into the fall, will still be a major concern.

"We have a lot more this year," Jimmy pointed out. "And, we know more about the players who are out there. On offense we appear to be all right, but we're short defensively. We'll definitely need some freshmen help on that side to come in and supply second-team players."

Oddly enough, defense was the strong suit during the spring. That was due in large part to several individuals, who if they stay healthy, will make serious runs at all-conference honors.

The defensive front seems to be in good hands with Dexter Manley and sophomore-to-be Mark Lang at the ends, Curtis Boone and the vastly improved Dean Prater at tackles, along with the underrated Steve "Mo" Heinzler at noseguard.

Manley, the Houston senior-to-be, is as strong as he's been since arriving at OSU. He'll be bench-pressing near 500 pounds by fall and is looking to save his best effort for the end.

"There are several goals I haven't been able to realize since coming here," he offered. "I plan to let peope know I'm playing for Oklahoma State this fall. Several pro scouts have already told me

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JOHN QUINN
Iowa State

"DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T WARN YOU!"

The Cyclones should be one year away from contending, but a few teams have been known to emerge early.

By BUCK TURNBULL, *Des Moines Register*

THERE IS AN OLD SAYING: "Smile, things could be worse." Last season every time Donnie Duncan smiled, sure enough, things would get worse. Week by week they got worse until finally there was nothing left to smile about.

The first-year Iowa State football coach felt as if he were running an ambulance service. He had a better team in the hospital than on the field, because 18 starters missed one or more games.

Most of the team's top players underwent knee surgery, and Duncan would like to think all the bad luck he'll experience as a head coach was gotten out of the way in one disastrous 3-8 season.

"I've never been through anything like that before," said the former Oklahoma assistant coach, "and I hope I never do again."

His youthful squad is on the mend now, with the possible exception of big Chris Boskey, whose knee was damaged so severely he may not play this fall, and Duncan views the 1980 season with renewed optimism.

There will be several important changes for the Cyclones, including more emphasis on the I-formation offense and installation of a new 4-3 defense, plus the addition of one potential superstar--powerful running back Dwayne Crutchfield.

Iowa State fans have been hearing about Crutchfield for two years, ever since Earle Bruce's staff recruited him out of Cincinnati, Ohio. They can't wait to see him turned loose in a Cyclone uniform.

The 230-pound Crutchfield had to go the junior college route before he could gain admission to Iowa State, first at Waldorf in Iowa and then last season at Garden City in Kansas. He led the nation's junior college rushers in 1979 with 1,818 yards in 244 carries--a 7.5 yard average.

If he lives up to the recommendation of Garden City coach Ray Sewalt, or even comes close to it, then Big Eight defenses are in for some bruising afternoons.

"I have seen Earl Campbell play since he was a junior in high school," says Sewalt, "and Dwayne is better. He'll run over you, around you, whatever it takes to get the job done."

Few football fans need an introduction to Earl Campbell, and when you're comparing running backs, you can't put a player in faster company than that.

Crutchfield was bothered by shin splints last spring and didn't immediately win a starting job, as many had figured. Unheralded Mike Payne moved to the front as the No. 1 tailback.

However, the Cyclones are so deep in capable running backs that there will be some hot-and-heavy duels when fall practice resumes.

Payne, who transferred from a California junior college before last season, and Crutchfield both must fend off the challenge of speedy Rocky Gillis, one of the many 1979 walking wounded.

This may sound like a broken record in reviewing and previewing the Cyclones, but Gillis injured a knee in the second game of the year at Texas and has not played since. He was withheld from spring contact to give him more healing time.

In the third game, an unexpected 30-14 thrashing by arch-rival Iowa, quarterback John Quinn went out for the season with--what else, a bad knee.

He is fully recovered and enjoyed an outstanding spring, re-establishing himself as the team's leader ahead of two junior college imports, David Worsham of San Antonio, Texas, and Alan Stephenson of Durham, N. C.

"It was a shame that Quinn got hurt last year," said Duncan, "because he was

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HARRY SIDNEY
Kansas

"THE FRESHMEN MUST PLAY!"

Few coaches like to rely on Newcomers to turn a program around. They're exciting, 'cause anything can happen.

By CHUCK WOODLING, *Lawrence Journal*

IN THE LOCKER ROOM after the Kansas spring football game, coach Don Fambrough was, as is custom, fielding questions from reporters.

Fambrough had liked this; Fambrough had loved that. Yes, that player is outstanding. Certainly that area is improved. We're much better than I thought we'd be there.

On and on Fambrough went about his football team until one scribe, perhaps wondering if he'd just seen the 1980 national champion in action, queried: "Did you see anything you didn't like?"

Fambrough's voice dropped a decibel or so as he replied: "I like to think position. No, I don't like to dwell on the negative."

And so it goes in college football. Coaches with good football teams talk negative; coaches with bad teams spew out the positive. There are exceptions, of course, but generally it's the unwritten rule of coaching college football.

Who's to say the approach doesn't work? For example, Fambrough took what many thought to be one of the worst collegiate teams in America last year and compiled a 3-8 record. That was three more wins than most folks thought possible.

Now, in the second year of his second tenure as KU's head coach, the 57-year-old Fambrough may--just may--be headed toward a season when he'll find himself handing out more orchids than onions.

But it won't be 1980.

In fact, unless Fambrough finds his much-ballyhooed freshman class more precocious than most, the Jayhawks' improvement over 1979 will not be remarkable.

The schedule, brutal last year, has at least eased somewhat with Oregon replacing Michigan.

Fambrough's '80 team is a little deceptive in that it boasts some quality players at skill positions--most notably All-Big Eight wide receiver David Verser.

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CHARLIE DAVIS
Colorado

AN ENDANGERED SPECIES

These Buffaloes are lean and unimposing. A breather on the schedule for some... an upset on the schedule for others.

By DAN CREEDON, *Boulder Camera*

AT WHAT STAGE is the football rebuilding program at the University of Colorado?

It hasn't started yet.

If there were any doubts, the first day of the National Football League draft in May should have sent the signal around the Midlands.

Two of the first 12 players drafted--cornerback Mark Haynes and offensive tackle Stan Brock--plus five other players chosen during the first six rounds of the draft were grads of a 3-8 Chuck Fairbanks-coached team from 1979.

Only Southern Cal received more first-day attention in the draft, when eight men of Troy were selected.

The draft, or graduation if you like, took away six starters on defensive plus the last of the granite-like statutes who have bulwarked Buff offensive lines for years.

What remains is a total rebuilding job-a job which won't begin in earnest until August when Fairbanks' first recruiting class of freshmen shows up on the Colorado campus.

Spring drills in Boulder, in many cases, were just a charade, although they did give the coaches a chance to work individually with a great many young players who didn't have the benefit of much college coaching in the past.

But the man who returned to the Big Eight following a 3-month court fight with his old employer and suddenly found himself working for a school with a $1 million athletic deficit, Chuck Fairbanks, repeatedly cautioned all willing to listen not to draw too many conclusions from the spring work.

"It depends on what happens in the fall for everyone," Fairbanks said one late spring morning in discussing the muddled quarterback situation. But it was an all encompassing statement.

Depends on what the 27 incoming freshmen contribute.

"I believe we have four or five running backs coming in who could play receiver or running back," suggested offensive coordinator Doug Dickey. "The skill position players have a chance of helping you right away."

But Fairbanks is well aware of the pressure you put on an incoming player when he is in a "must produce" situation.

"It's unfair to anticipate that any player who is just coming out of high school will be able to contribute immediately," Fairbanks says. "It's not fair to the player. Any player coming in has a tremendous transition from high school to college.

"Traditionally, it's been easier for young running backs, wide receivers and possibly defensive linemen and linebackers to contribute," add Fairbanks, who just happens to have good skill and depth in those positions with his '80 frosh class.

Fairbanks hedges and warns of hard times immediately ahead when he talks about his second team.

"I'm not sure how good this team is going to be because this one has more variables than any college team I've ever had before.

"I'm looking at it now with the knowledge of what players were here last year, and I don't know that we've strengthened the team from what it was a year ago. As a matter of fact, it may not be as strong. I think that I said a year ago that there was a good chance that the team this year might not be as strong as it was a year ago. The reason for that is simply that the majority of the talented players were in the senior class."

But despite the fact there will be at most eight returning starters--converted inside linebackers Steve Doolittle and Bob Humble on defense, plus a half a dozen others on offense--the feeling exists that Fairbanks' second team is more advanced than the first club he fielded.

Mostly, it's because the coaches know each other, their boss and the players now.

"We really have a complete rebuilding job to do," defensive coordinator Doug Knotts says. "But there's one advantage. We (the coaches) and the younger guys understand the system. From that standpoint, we're ahead of where we were last year, but we don't have the same kind of talent."

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SOME NEW WRINKLES

When you cancel the Spring Game to deprive LSU the opportunity to scout their home opener you know something's cooking!

By **BOB HENTZEN,** *Topeka Capital-Journal*

JIM DICKEY PROBABLY wouldn't have done it three years ago before his first season as Kansas State coach. If he had, he also would have had to bring out a stack of Bibles and extract a promise that nobody would tell.

What Dickey did is go back in his files and pull out some records showing how fast his 1978 linemen ran the 40 dash. Opponents would have snickered.

Dickey ticked off names and their times. "There are a lot of 5.2s, 5.3s, 5.4s and 5.5s," he points out. Then he picked up the 1980 list. The numbers were mostly 4.8s and 4.9s for the players who figure to play in the trenches.

Dickey's comparison hadn't finished. He showed what the Wildcats of 1978 were doing in weight training, then what the current squad is accomplishing in the posh, carpeted weight room adjacent to the home dressing room at KSU stadium. Yes, there was dramatic improvement.

Not that most football teams these days avoid the weights, but it's a definite "must" at Kansas State. Keith Dearring, a promising running back who averaged four yards a carry last season, didn't play this past spring for what Dickey called "disciplinary reasons". Translation: He didn't pump iron and run in the off season.

It's not surprising that the dedication to improving strength and speed is present in the Dickey household where quarterback Darrell occasionally shows up for a free meal. Darrell Dickey, remember, gave evidence as a (redshirt) freshman that he might bloom into one of the Big Eight's best.

Jim Dickey usually bites his tongue before tossing verbal bouquets Darrell's way. "If he was a senior, I might brag more on him," Jim admits. "But he is a much better player now than he was last fall. He's responded to the program by running and lifting weights."

Dickey is not so hesitant to talk about some of his other players. Any K-State list is headed by defensive end James Walker, whose vital statistics are 6-1, 230, 4.9 and 360 for the bench press. A senior who made the UPI All-Big Eight team last season, Walker came to Manhattan out of Wichita East High as a 200-pounder.

"He's really a big league player," says Dickey. "He's quick, strong, very intent and aggressive. He has super practice habits. He's the perfect example of why I think I can do the job here.

"He's a black Paul Coffman (the always-improving K-State tight end, who now is a regular with the Green Bay Packers). James made himself into a much better player than when he arrived."

There are other K-Staters who will be on all-league checklists--linebacker Tim Cole, guard Amos Donaldson, split end John Liebe and Dickey.

"I really believe we'll be a much better football team," says Jim Dickey, "mainly because of better quality in the offensive and defensive lines. But again, we don't have any depth. Few of our backups, because of age and maturity, are ready to play."

The Wildcats were devasted by injuries last season when they finished 3-8 after a better-than-expected 4-7 mark in Dickey's first year. The schedule this time around is conductive to improvement, although it opens with Louisiana State at Baton Rouge the night of September 13.

A winning season--Kansas State hasn't had one since 1970--is possible. "It's possible if we stay injury free," corrects Dickey.

The coach, by the way, isn't writing off that LSU opener. He called off the spring game, one of the reasons being to deprive LSU the opportunity to scout the Wildcats. It was a busy spring as Dickey and his staff installed some new wrinkles both offensively and defensively as well as giving a long look to eight junior additions.

Kansas State may or may not be tough on the field in 1980, but the Wildcats are going to be confusing to those who follow them on the radio and in the newspapers. Beside the father-son Dickeys, there are the brothers Ruzick (Mike and Dan), the runners Brown (L.J. and Pete) and the Wilsons (Kerry and Ronnie).

K-State has more proven players on the defensive side. "It was pretty good last year, but it'll really be a good defensive team if we keep our first string players healthy," Dickey says. "There are a few backups in isolated spots who are adequate."

Defensive coordinator Gary Darnell has nightmares about only one game last season--the 42-15 loss at Oklahoma State. "The first three times they got the ball they didn't get a first down," he remembers, "but then the dam broke. And our players showed a degree of frustration. We cannot afford to give up.

"But, I have strong, positive feelings about our defense. We can't be a

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J. C. Brown (34) flies through the arms of Lindquist and Cole of Nebraska.

THE WRITERS' POLL

IN THE OPINION of the writers, the leveling of talent in the upper division of the Big 8 has left Nebraska and Oklahoma in a virtual dead heat for the conference championship for 1980 with Missouri the most likely to unseat this traditional slug-fest. Only 3 points separated the Cornhuskers and the Sooners for the top spot, with the nod going to Oklahoma on the strength of their 8 consecutive championships. It's the old adage, you don't take the crown from the champ without a fight. November in Lincoln should be a cold one for the Sooners.

Missouri was ranked no lower than fourth and as high as first by the scribes on the strength of comparable returning talent. The only thing separating the Tigers from the summit is the fact that the two crucial games against Oklahoma and Nebraska must be played on the road. But, if Missouri's performance in November is an indication of their arrival as a football team, only injuries will derail this express. If Phil Bradley finishes as the first 3-time Big 8 total offense champ since Iowa State's Dwight Nichols in 1957-59, Missouri could capture a trip to the Orange Bowl.

Surprising Oklahoma State has solidified its support for the first division receiving only one vote below 4th place. The talent is available to challenge for first, but an injury-free season would seem crucial due to the absence of quality reserves.

In the second division, it is anyone's guess. Iowa State is expected to return to a challenging position with the recovery of its ambulance corp and finished in the 5th position. However, only a few points separated each of the lower division teams and all were rated as high as fifth and as low as eighth by some writers.

Kansas was thought to be the next most likely to succeed, followed by Colorado and Kansas State. Overlooked by the writers was the fact that the Wildcats placed more players on the pre-season All-Conference team than any second division school and had Darryl Dickey recognized as the pre-season sophomore Player of the Year at quarterback. Two of the strongest junior college teams in America were recruited by K-State and I-State to supplement returning talent, so the race should be closer than anyone might otherwise imagine. Kansas and Colorado had spectacular recruiting years and depending upon how quickly their youth movement can mature, should be a factor in November.

Jarvis Redwine of Nebraska was tabbed by the writers as the outstanding offensive performer in the league for the 1980 season over Bradley. Ricky Young of Oklahoma State was seen as the leagues best defensive returner. Others receiving support were teammate Dexter Manley and Richard Turner of Oklahoma, Derrie Nelson of Nebraska, and Chris Boskey of Iowa State. Boskey further aggravated his knee in the spring and will be stationed in the offensive line to avoid more crippling injuries.

In addition to Dickey, three players were mentioned for sophomore Player of the Year. Stanley Wilson of Oklahoma, Karl Nelson of Iowa State and Mike Green of Oklahoma State.

Ohio State was a clear favorite among the writers to capture the 1980 National Championship. Alabama received the next support, followed by Southern Cal and Pittsburgh. Apparently Big 8 teams will have a hard time escaping conference battles without a loss to be considered for that race. Could be!

PETE GOERING
Topeka Capital-Journal

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Colorado 6. Kansas State 7. Kansas 8. Iowa State

Big Reds tough again, but not national championship caliber. If O-State finds a QB, watch out!

Top offensive player: Jarvis Redwine, NU. Top defensive player: Derrie Nelson, MU. Top sophomore player: Darrell Dickey, KSU. National championship: Ohio State.

FRANK HARAWAY
Denver Post

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GARY RICHARDS
Des Moines Register

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Missouri 4. Oklahoma State 5. Kansas 6. Iowa State 7. Colorado 8. Kansas State

Nebraska plays Oklahoma in Lincoln and that's my only reason for picking the Huskers. Missouri could bounce back from a disappointing '79 season with Bradley and Wilder. Oklahoma State and Kansas will slug it out for fourth, with either club having a shot at third if Missouri slips. Iowa State could finish as high as third or as low as fourth. Donnie Duncan just needs to keep his regulars healthy for a first-division finish to be realized. Pity Colorado and Kansas State.

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BOB HENTZEN
Topeka Capital-Journal

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It always comes out that way--doesn't it? Even when Oklahoma and Nebraska have to replace a bunch of stars.

Top offensive player: Jarvis Redwine, NU. Top defensive player: Derrie Nelson, NU. Top sophmore player: Darrell Dickey, KSU. National championship: Ohio State.

JIM BAER
St. Louis Suburban Newspapers

1. Oklahoma 2. Nebraska 3. Missouri 4. Oklahoma State 5. Colorado 6. Kansas State 7. Kansas 8. Iowa State

With a Stanley Steamer (Wilson), Buster Rhymes, David Overstreet and Weldon Ledbetter, the Sooners of Oklahoma, as usual, stake a claim to first place. Nebraska should finish second. And then there's Missouri. More highs and lows than Humpty Dumpty. A healthy Phil Bradley makes Mizzou the obvious dark horse. Fear for Kansas, sensational recruiting; and good coaching from Jimmy Johnson and Chuck Fairbanks.

Top offensive player: Phil Bradley, MU. Top defensive player: Dexter Manley, OSU. Top sophomore player: Stanley Wilson, OU. National championship: Ohio State.

CHUCK WOODLING
Lawrence Journal-World

1. Missouri 2. Nebraska 3. Oklahoma 4. Oklahoma State 5. Kansas 6. Iowa State 7. Kansas State 8. Colorado

Missouri will finish either first or last. Nebraska will be second as usual while Oklahoma goes into a tailspin. For OU, third place is a real nosedive. Nothing much special in the rest of the heap except the total collapse at Colorado.

Top offensive player: Phil Bradley, NU. Top defensive player: Ricky Young, OSU. Top sophomore player: Darrell Dickey, KSU. National championship: Pittsburgh.

MIKE BABCOCK
Lincoln Journal & Star

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Missouri 4. Oklahoma State 5. Iowa State 6. Kansas 7. Kansas State 8. Colorado

Nebraska-Oklahoma, Oklahoma-Nebraska. It never changes, and there's no reason to believe it should in 1980. A healthy Jarvis Redwine gives Nebraska the edge, and when the teams go head-to-head, they'll do it in Lincoln. Oklahoma State could slip past Missouri for third, and depending on how quickly prize freshmen mature, Kansas could challenge for a spot out of the second division.

Top offensive player: Jarvis Redwine, NU. Top defensive player: Chris Boskey, ISU. Top sophomore player: Stanley Wilson, OU. National championship: Alabama.

RANDY YORK
Lincoln Journal and Star

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Kansas 6. Kansas State 7. Iowa State 8. Colorado

Nebraska doesn't get any break with Florida State, Penn State and Iowa on the non-conference schedule. But when you see that Oklahoma, Missouri and Oklahoma State all must play the Huskers in Lincoln this season, you see a tremedous advantage. The home schedule excites Husker fans almost as much as the sight of Billy Sims in a Detroit Lions' uniform.

Top offensive player: Jarvis Redwine, NU. Top defensive player: Derrie Nelson, NU. Top sophomore player: Stanley Wilson, OU. National championship: Ohio State.

AL ESCHBACH
Oklahoma Journal

1. Oklahoma 2. Nebraska 3. Missouri 4. Iowa State 5. Oklahoma State 6. Colorado 7. Kansas 8. Kansas State

Misssouri has the great quarterback in Phil Bradley, but when is the last time the Tigers have been Big 8 champions? Nebraska has Oklahoma in Lincoln, but when is the last time the Huskers have been the sole Big 8 champions? The league will be better than a year ago. Chuck Fairbanks will finally start to like Boulder.

Top offensive player: Phil Bradley, MU. Top defensive player: Richard Turner, OU. Top sophomore player: Chet Winters, OU. National championship: Ohio State.

GARY BEDORE
Lawrence Journal-World

1. Oklahoma 2. Nebraska 3. Missouri 4. Oklahoma State 5. Iowa State 6. Colorado 7. Kansas 8. Kansas State

Oklahoma loses a lot of talent--Sims, Tabor, Cumby, Goodman, Ray, but ought to have enough talent left to remain atop the Big 8. JC Watts proved he is a capable leader and Overstreet and Wilson are capable backs. The exciting Jarvis Redwine ought to lead NU to a good season, while Missouri will be right up there in Phil Bradley's final season. OSU might surprise all; a lot of talent returns.

Top offensive player: Phil Bradley, MU. Top defensive player: Derrie Nelson, NU. Top sophomore player: Darrell Dickey, KSU. National championship: Ohio State.

BUCK TURNBULL
Des Moines Register

1. Oklahoma 2. Missouri 3. Nebraska 4. Oklahoma State 5. Iowa State 6. Kansas 7. Colorado 8. Kansas State

Barry Switzer's record is hard to beat. He's 7 for 7 and that's reason enough to pick Oklahoma again.

Top offensive player: Jarvis Redwine, NU. Top defensive player: Ricky Young, OSU. National championship: Ohio State.

TOM DIRATO
Stillwater

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Iowa State 6. Kansas State 7. Colorado 8. Kansas

It should be another in the long running battles of the 'Big Two'. Both open the year with graduation holes to fill but both have the programs that provide instant replacements. The nod goes to Nebraska because the Husker's host all the top-notch contenders in 1980. Look for Oklahoma State and Missouri to make things uncomfortable for both title hopefuls.

Top offensive player: Jarvis Redwine, NU. Top defensive player: Ricky Young, OSU. Top sophomore player: Mike Green, OSU. National championship: Alabama.

BILL BECK
St. Louis Post Dispatch

1. Oklahoma 2. Nebraska 3. Missouri 4. Oklahoma State 5. Iowa State 6. Kansas State 7. Colorado 8. Kansas

When J. C. Watts mastered the read and the wrap about midseason last year, the race was over. No, the Sooners will not lay their hands immediately on another Billy Sims, but they will have enough inexact facsimilies to make the wishbone go, especially two great fullbacks. Missouri seems to have plugged its main 1979 weakness--the receivers--which means QB Bradley and RB Wilder (healthy) could turn out to be devastating together. Nebraska has great special folks but must come up with an awful lot of foot soldiers, all at the same time. Oklahoma State returns lots of folks but not a quarterback. Iowa State, given good health, could be the darkhorse. Kansas State could be explosive.

Top offensive player: Phil Bradley, MU. Top defensive player: Derrie Nelson, NU. Top sophomore player: Stanley Wilson, OU. National championship: Oklahoma.

ALL BIG EIGHT

By HANK KEITZ

MORE PRINTER'S INK will be needed before the record books are re-written to include Missouri's Phil Bradley. His Accomplishments are fascinating when you consider that Bradley is on the verge of becoming the first three-time All-Conference Q.B. in the Big Eight in twenty years. At the same time he could become the first three-time Big Eight total offense champ since Iowa State's Dwight Nichols in 1957-59. If Bradley leads a capable Tiger consortium to the Orange Bowl, he should also be a leading contender for college football's highest honor. And football isn't his only forte.

Phil Bradley is the first All-Big 8 two-sport performer since 1972 when John Stearns (now of the Mets) won honors as both a catcher and defensive back for Colorado. Bradley batted .314 as a sophomore while starring in the Missouri outfield and hit .325 through his senior season, leading the team in runs scored from his lead off position in the batting order.

Centerfielder, quarterback, lead-off batter. Apparently Bradley's the type of athlete you want at the point of attack. Happenings are inspirational, and in the final analysis, only a few are blessed with the magic to consistently influence the outcome of an event. Mr. Bradley is just such a man.

Oklahoma and Nebraska tasted the full measure of this 6 foot by 178 pounds in 1979. Nebraska saw their national championship dashed and Oklahoma would likely the same if Billy Sims hadn't risen for one of the greatest "money-games" of his career.

Bradley was so impressive in leading a Tiger comeback in November, that Missouri salvaged a bid to the Hall of Fame Bowl, where Bradley promptly captured the most valuable Player of the Game award for his outstanding performance.

After his junior year, Bradley is fifth in Big Eight total offense statistics with 4,728 combined yards. Lynn Dickey, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame this year, from Kansas State, currently holds the record with 5,779. Jerry Tagge (Nebraska) has 5,283; Dave Humm (Nebraska) has 4,909; and Jack Mildren (Oklahoma) has 4,818. Conceivably, Bradley could break 7,000 yards with what has become an average year.

Bradley has the single-season passing marks for both attempts and completions. In 1979, he attempted a record setting 236 passes, and in 1978, he completed a record 136 tosses for a 60.2% completion average.

Careerwise, Bradley has completed 305 of 556 total passes for a combined 54.9 percent figure. He has 21 TD passes-the Missouri record is 25 by Paul Christman. He has 3,720 career yards passing (fifth in the Big Eight) and his interception total is a scant 3.4 percent. Add to this another 1,008 yards rushing as well as 13 running TDs, and you have a superb candidate for Heisman honors. That is, if Bradley rejects the baseball draft in early June.

The other glamour positions in our pre-season backfield were James Wilder (6-2, 215) of Missouri, Jarvis Redwine (6-0, 195) of Nebraska and Worley Taylor (6-0, 205) of Oklahoma State. Sure the coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players, seven votes would be the maximum a player could receive. Bradley, Wilder and Redwine were unanimous selections, while Taylor narrowly edged out Harry Sydney (6-0, 215) Kansas by one vote. David Overstreet (5-11, 192) and Stanley Wilson (6-0, 193) of Oklahoma also received a vote of consideration.

For the sake of comparison, the conference sports writers were also polled in order to determine if there were any disagreements. The writers made Taylor a more decisive choice as the fourth member of the backfield, although Andra Franklin (6-1, 218) of Nebraska, Overstreet, Sydney and

According to the Big 8 head coaches, Nebraska and Missouri have the most All Star talent returning for 1980, with Oklahoma close behind. Q.B. Phil Bradley of the Tigers is a strong Heisman contender.

Wilson also received one vote for consideration as the second team running backs.

In the view of both writers and coaches, J. C. Watts of Oklahoma was the unanimous selection for the league's second most wanted quarterback. If Bradley were to opt for a pro career in baseball, this would severely limit Missouri's title hopes and make Oklahoma a clear favorite to repeat.

Missouri and Oklahoma dominated the offensive line with two selections each. Forrest Valora (6-0, 230) was a near unanimous choice at tight end as was the Sooners' Louis Oubre (6-4, 262) at tackle. Both have been instrumental in leading Oklahoma running backs to a first and second place national rushing title in 1978 and 1979 respectively.

Missouri's Howard Richards (6-5, 256) has been the starter at tackle for four years for the Tigers, which should qualify him for national honors. Teammate Brad Edelman (6-5½, 255) was the best bet for All-Conference at center with Bob Fiss (6-3, 245) of Kansas the next likely candidate. Rounding out the line is Nebraska's Randy Schleusener (6-6, 232) and Amos Donaldson (6-1, 260) of Kansas State. Schleusener raced to glory with a touchdown from 15 yards out on a "guard around" play which caught the Sooners by surprise. This made him a near unanimous choice by the writers, whereas two coaches had other ideas.

According to the coaches, two split ends deserve almost equal attention. David Verser (6-1, 200) of Kansas receives first team honors over Ron Ingram (5-10, 168) of the Cowboys by a single vote. The writers saw Verser by a wide margin with John Liebe of Kansas State and Ingram catching three votes each.

On defense, the loss of Chris Boskey (6-3, 240) of Iowa State to a reinjury of his knee in spring practice wiped out the nose guard position for all practical purposes. Boskey will be shifted to the Cyclone offensive line in order to salvage an otherwise spectacular career which saw him recognized as the top defensive newcomer as a freshman in 1978.

Instead of elevating Johnny Lewis of Oklahoma or Steve Heinzler of O-State who each received second team votes, the decision was made to reflect a pro 4-4 alignment in order to recognize the wealth of talent which exists at linebacker and defensive end. In a league which plays its defensive ends as outside linebackers, the list of pro linebackers is impressive.

The ends are Wendell Ray (6-4, 228) of the Tigers and James Walker (6-1, 230) of the Wildcats. The outside 'backers are two Nebraskans; Derrie Nelson (6-2, 212) and Brent Williams (6-1, 221). The Cornhuskers have perhaps the finest corp of linebackers in America when you add Kim Baker (6-2, 207) from the second team and Steve McWhieter (6-2, 228) and Steve Damkroger (6-0, 227) who are pushing to start as sophomores and were so recognized on the All-Sophomore Team elsewhere in this magazine.

The inside 'backers are sophomore Ricky Young (6-1, 210) of Oklahoma State, and senior Tim Cole (6-4, 210) of Kansas State. In disagreement, the writers saw Scellars Young (6-5, 220) of Kansas as a replacement for Cole on the first team.

The Sooners dominated the two tackle positions according to the coaches who cited Richard Turner (6-2, 225) and defensive Newcomer-of-the-Year Keith Gary (6-3, 245). The writers again disagreed. Curtis Boone (6-2, 225) of the Cowboys received twice as many votes as Gary on their poll.

Missouri and Nebraska dominated the defensive backfield as both coaches and writers see Eric Wright (6-2, 181) of Missouri and Russell Gary (6-0, 180) of Nebraska as the best safeties and Cornhusker Andy Means (5-11, 172) and the Sooners controversial Basil Banks (5-11, 177) at the corners. Missouri placed two more on the second team in corners, Johnnie Poe (6-1, 183) and Bill Whitaker (6-0, 184) to lead the league in that department.

So the Sooners have the linemen, the Cornhuskers have the linebackers and the Tigers have the defensive backs.

One weakness of a pre-season poll is that it can only spotlight returning starters. Yet the talent rich Cornhuskers and Sooners always have some surprises. This year we are announcing the Big 8 Sleepers who have the best chance to challenge for All-Conference. Nebraska gains greater defensive clout with two possible supers in Henry Waechter (6-7, 256) and Toby Williams (6-4, 244) at tackle, both run a 4.8. On offense the Huskers have another sophomore starting center in Dave Rimington (6-0, 248). The Sooners on the other hand are ecstatic over noseguard John Blake (6-0, 240) who reminds them of Lucious Selmon. Lyndell Byford (6-7, 280) will return after a disabling injury at offensive tackle and will go high in the draft, if healthy. People have also overlooked David Overstreet who toiled as an exceptional blocker for Billy Sims. Overstreet was more than impressive in the spring and will be a factor.

Iowa State has three possibles in sophomore split receiver Jim Knuth (6-7, 215) who was sensational last November, and Karl Nelson (6-6, 259) another special sophomore who will be a challenge at tackle. But Dwayne Crutchfield (6-2, 220) will make the biggest noise at running back after being compared to Earl Campbell. Read about him elsewhere in this magazine.

K-State has two JUCO transfers everybody wanted. Will Cokeley (6-3, 205) may threaten at linebacker and Mike Simeta (6-5, 255) has the credentials to be a standout defensive tackle.

The defensive Player-of-the-Year could well be Dexter Manley (6-4, 226) who has the physical tools if the Cowboys can keep him healthy and motivated.

While the coaches picked Phil Bradley as the Offensive Player of the Year, it was by a scant one vote over Redwine. The writers reversed that choice by a 2 to 1 margin for Redwine, in spite of the fact that Bradley may well become the most productive offensive performer in the last 20 years. This speaks highly of the caliber of talent on this 1980 pre-season All-Big 8 team.

Coaches' Pre-Season
ALL BIG EIGHT
Offensive Team

SECOND TEAM

TE	**ANDY GIBLER** (6-4, 220) MU	
T	**BRANT THURSTON** (6-6, 225) CU	
G	**JOE ADAMS** (6-3, 225) NU	
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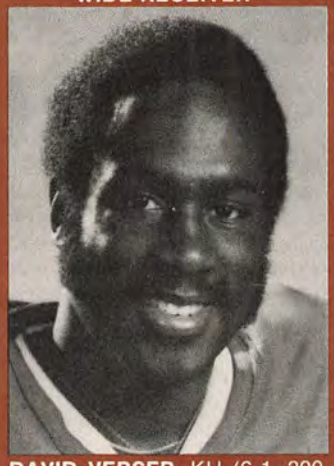
RB	**ANDRA FRANKLIN** (6-1, 218) NU	
RB	**HARRY SYDNEY** (6-0, 215) KU	

QUARTERBACK

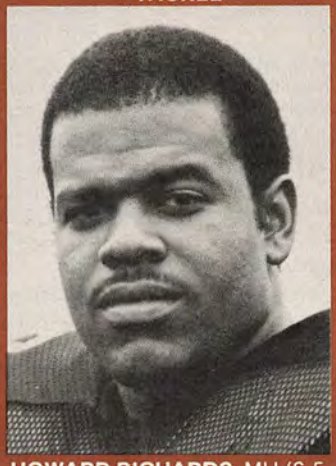
PHIL BRADLEY, MU (6-0, 175, Sr) Tigers' All-Big Eight quarterback. Repeated as league's total offense leader in 1979 with 1764 yards--an average of 4.8 yards a try. Hit 53.8 percent of his passes (127 of 236 for 1448 yds.) Interception rate 3.4% was the lowest one-season mark in MU history. Rushed for 316 yards (a 2.4-yd. avg.) and bolted 68 yds. on an option for a TD against OU. With one season to go, the lithe signal caller holds virtually every career passing record on the Mizzou books. Had best single-game total offense yardage (296) against Oklahoma in 24-22 loss. Quality athlete plays outfield for Tigers baseballers.

WIDE RECEIVER



DAVID VERSER, KU (6-1, 200, Sr) A first team All-Big Eight selection in 1979 by both AP and UPI, Verser goes into his senior year ranking as the No. 5 pass receiver of all time at Kansas in terms of total yardage. Through his first three seasons he logged exactly 900 yards on 47 receptions. His best single season output was last year when he had 463 yards (eighth highest single season total in school history) on 21 receptions, a 22-yard average per catch. That included 151 yards (second best single game output ever at KU) against Oklahoma State on only three receptions.

TACKLE

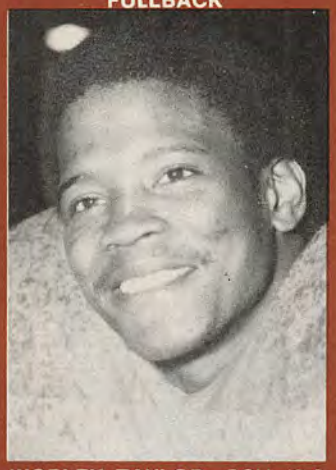


HOWARD RICHARDS, MU (6-5, 256, Sr) A starter since midway in his freshman season. One of the Big 8's premier tackles is equally adept at pass-blocking or at rooting out his adversary in straight-ahead power situations. Mobile and fast, handles downfield blocking assignments effectively. Smart, resourceful veteran should be highly rated in the national picture this year. Hopeful of a career in radio or television broadcasting fields.

GUARD

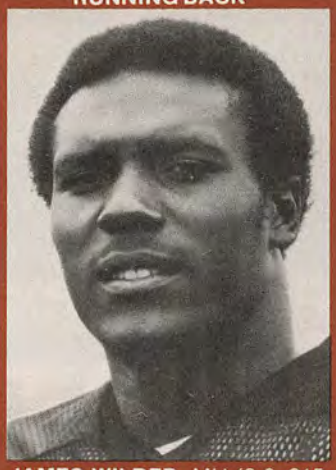
AMOS DONALDSON, KSU (6-1, 260, Jr) Kansas State's best offensive line prospect in years. Consistent performer for Wildcats in a starting role as a sophomore. Aggressive, strong and quick, over the broad back of NO. 64 is where the 'Cats generally ran in short-yardage situations. Highly recruited as a prepster. Voted Offensive Player-of-the-Week after a sterling performance at Colorado. Only a junior, will be the veteran in KSU's offensive line.

FULLBACK



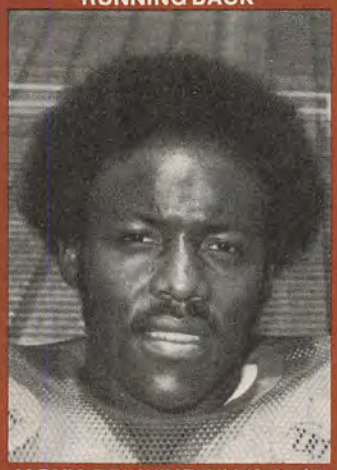
WORLEY TAYLOR, OSU (6-0, 205, Sr) Was chosen to AP's All-League team in 1979. His 994 yards rushing was second only to Billy Sims and is amazing considering he missed two games with an injured knee and played two others wearing a heavy brace for the ailing hinge. Played in only five league games and was over the 100-yard mark in four of them. Caught 20 passes for 216 yards last year, too. Double-tough runner, can make the ugly third-and-three for you.

RUNNING BACK



JAMES WILDER, MU (6-2, 215, Sr) Missed first two games in 1979, yet still finished as Tigers' top rusher for second, straight year. Slowed by a pulled hamstring (sustained in pre-season drills), the hard-running workhorse accounted for 645 yards and a 4.2-yd. average and caught 20 passes for 143 yards. Currently ranks 8th in career rushing at Mizzou (1518 yards) his 97-yd. rushing game against Kansas was a seasonal high. In contrast to his 181-yd. windup performance against Nebraska as a sophomore. Won Liberty Bowl's MVP award that season. Came to MU after one year at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, Okla.

RUNNING BACK

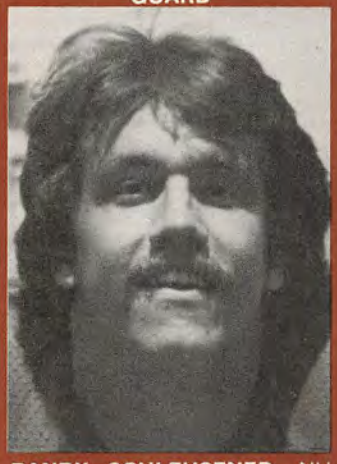


JARVIS REDWINE, NU (6-0,195, Sr) The surprise of 1979, Redwine should be a 1980 Heisman Trophy candidate. A 1978 transfer from Oregon State, Jarvis hit the Nebraska and national scene in style last year against Penn State on national television, gaining 124 yards. In all, he had a string of five-100 yard plus games, including a 206 yard effort against Colorado. In 1979, he got 1,042 yards on 148 carries. Only one of six Huskers in NU history to gain over 1,000 yards in a season. Last year, Redwine earned first team All Big 8, second team All-America and was the Big 8's Newcomer of the Year.

CENTER

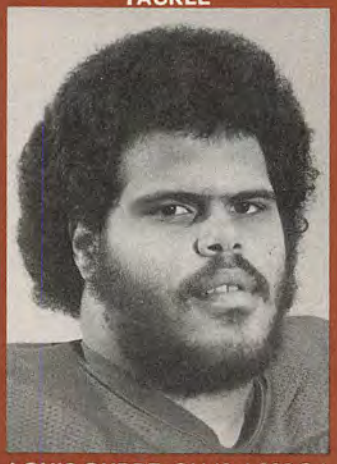
BRAD EDELMAN, MU (6-5½, 255, Jr) Took over the only vacant spot in Missouri's No. 1 interior offensive line and played impressively. Has all the equipment including attitude and intelligence to project as a future standout. Had strong game against Colorado's veteran noseguard, Laval Short. Lettered on specialty teams as a freshman. Captained the football, track and basketball teams as a prep senior and sang with organized groups. Superior student in Business.

GUARD



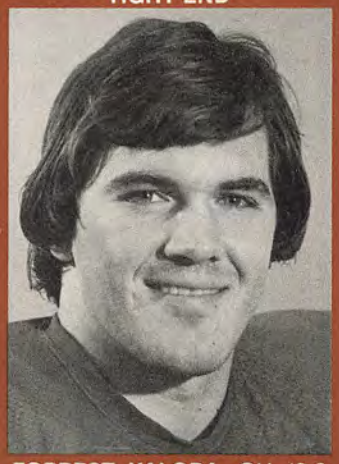
RANDY SCHLEUSENER, NU (6-6, 232, Sr) Probably the most famous guard in the country, thanks to his touchdown in the Oklahoma game of last season. In that contest, Schleusener ran the 'guard around' play around the left end and scored on a 15-yard run. In 1979, Randy was an All-America and All-Big 8 Academic performer. He has a 3.67 average in Pre Med. On the field, Randy earned second team All Big 8 honors. He will be entering his second year of starting for the Huskers. Randy is also a fine specialty team player. Two-year letterman.

TACKLE



LOUIS OUBRE, OU (6-4,262,Sr) All-Big Eight on both AP and UPI squads. Had an outstanding junior year. Offensive line coach Merv Johnson said Oubre did not have a single bad game. Extremely intelligent. Very consistent. Major reason Sooners led the nation in rushing in 1978 and placed second in the same category in 1979. Coaches made some changes in Nebraska showdown to take advantage of his blocking ability in short yardage situations. Will begin this season as a starter. Excellent pro prospect.

TIGHT END



FORREST VALORA, OU (6-0, 230, Sr) Excellent blocker who has become a fine receiver. Fierce competitor who was nominated for conference offensive player of the week twice during the 1979 season. Averaged a whopping 26 yards per catch. Caught five for 85 yards in the Iowa contest, the season's best for a Sooner receiver. His blocking was a prime ingredient in Sooner running game which led the conference in both rushing and scoring. Strongest player on squad. Can bench press 420 pounds.

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Defensive Team

SECOND TEAM

OLB KIM BAKER (6-2, 207) NU
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NG JOHNNY LEWIS (6-1, 230) OU
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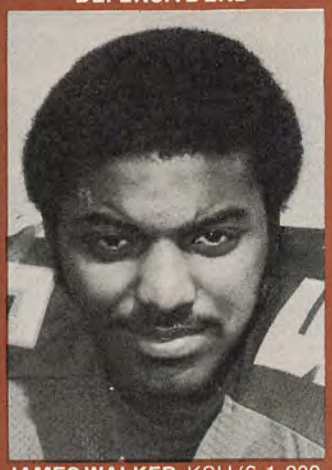
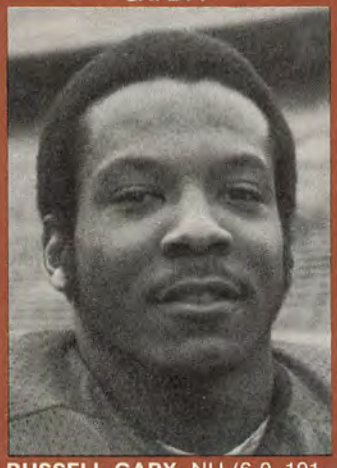
OLB DEXTER MANLEY (6-4, 226) OSU
ILB SCELLARS YOUNG (6-5, 220) KU
ILB STEVE DOOLITTLE (6-3, 225) CU
CB BILL WHITAKER (6-0, 184) MU
CB JOHNNIE POE (6-1, 183) MU
SS GREGGORY JOHNSON (6-1, 188) OSU
FS LARRY CRAWFORD (6-1, 172) ISU

DEFENSIVE END



JAMES WALKER, KSU (6-1, 230, Sr) KSU's top honors' winner a year ago being selected first-team All-Big 8. Big play performer. "Walker's name is everywhere on our 'Big Play' board," says 'Cat defensive coordinator Gary Darnell. Can (and has) play linebacker, end or tackle. Walker averaged eight tackles per contest (including a whopping 14 of them for losses totaling 64 yards) during his sparkling '79 campaign. Returned an interception 33 yards for a score vs. Oregon State.

SAFETY

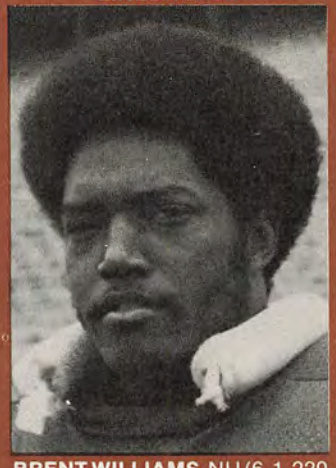


RUSSELL GARY, NU (6-0, 191, Sr) Like Means, Gary will be in his 3rd year of starting for Nebraska as the Husker safety man. In 1979, he had 45 total tackles, to lead the secondary, including 25 unassisted, one fumble recovered and two passes intercepted. Very strong, he can bench press 300 pounds and power clean 259. He was named the 1980 Nebraska Weightlifter of the Year. Also fast, can run a 4.52 40. With the NU frosh in 1977, Gary played I-back. Two-year letterman.

LINEBACKER

RICKY YOUNG, OSU (6-1, 210, Jr) Unanimous All-Conference linebacker in 1979, replacing former All-America and teammate John Coker on the team. Made 146 tackles last year, 10 netting 59 yards in losses and intercepted two passes. Also caused 4 fumbles and recovered 3 others. No outstanding game, just played good 11 times in '79.

LINEBACKER



BRENT WILLIAMS, NU (6-1, 220, Sr) Williams will be entering his second year of starting for the Huskers at linebacker. In 1979, he was a starter and headed for a great season until a sprained ankle suffered against Kansas sidelined him until the last three games of the season. Still, he was the Cornhuskers second leading tackler in 1979, with 73 total, including 43 unassisted, five stops behind the line for a loss of 20 yards, one fumble recovered and three passes broken up. In 1978, Williams was an alternate 'backer for NU.

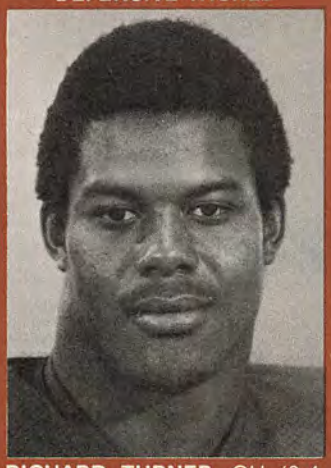
LINEBACKER

TIM COLE, KSU (6-4, 212, Sr) Shades of Gary Spani, Cole spent little time in making the adjustment from Juco to big-time football...a second-team All-League pick, he averaged 11.7 stops per game including a phenomenal 14 tackles per Big Eight tilt...rangy with a nose for the football. "If you're looking for all-stars cirle No. 71," says KSU defensive coordinator Gary Darnell. "Tim sniffs out the ball like a bloodhound." Big days were 19 tackles each against Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. Defensive tackle in Jr. college.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

KEITH GARY, OU (6-3,245,Sr) Named Defensive Newcomer of the Year in the Big 8 for 1979. Transfer from Ferrum(Va.)Juco. Was scheduled to be red shirted last season but was so impressive in spring and early fall drills the coaches felt he must play in order to give the defensive unit some quality help. Called the most physical lineman since Lee Roy Selmon. 86 tackles for the season. His 10 stops for 56 yards in losses led the team.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

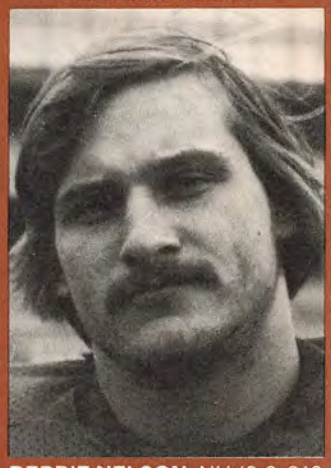


RICHARD TURNER, OU (6-4, 244, Sr) Started at both nose guard and defensive tackle during his career at OU. Best technique player in the defensive line. Versatility makes him one of the most valuable players on the squad. Led the defensive line in tackles in 1979 with 94. This included seven for a minus 48 yds. Intercepted one pass.

DEFENSIVE END

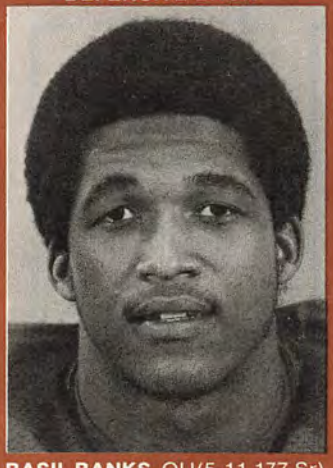
WENDELL RAY, MU (6-4,228,Sr) rangy two-year regular is extremely physical, strong and quick. Likes to punish the ball-carrier. Has the overall talent to be one of the nation's best. Had 76 tackles last season, 10 for 39 yards in losses, four fumble recoveries and one pass interception. Intercepted key pass against Iowa State as a junior to end Cyclone's late threat. Education major.

DEFENSIVE END



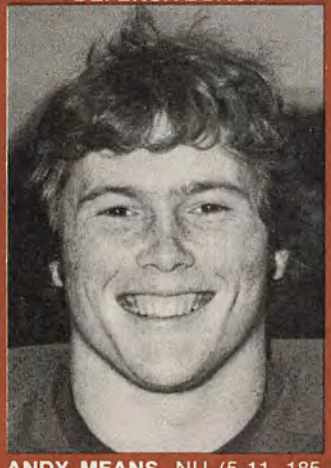
DERRIE NELSON, NU (6-2, 212, Sr) Another of the many NU walk-ons that have gone on to Big 8 and national fame. Derrie will be in his third year of starting for the Huskers at defensive end. In 1979, he was a first team All-Big 8 selection and an honorable mention All-America choice. Last year, he had 48 total tackles, including 29 unassisted, 7 stops behind the line for a loss of 56 yards. two fumbles recovered and two passes broken up. Derrie was the hero for NU against Missouri, as on the last play of the game he dropped MU quarterback Phil Bradley for a loss as the Tigers were attempting to go for a win and not the tie.

DEFENSIVE BACK



BASIL BANKS, OU(5-11,177,Sr) Versatile member of the OU secondary who has excelled in a number of areas. Led the defensive backs in tackles with 60 in 1978, and was second in 1979 with 50 stops. Was second in the nation in punt returns, averaging 15.3 yards each time he carried back an enemy kick. Not included was a 59-yarder in the Orange Bowl against Florida State. Coaches say excellent hands and quickness make him extremely valuable in this category.

DEFENSIVE BACK



ANDY MEANS, NU (5-11, 185, Sr) In 1980, Means will be one of the most experienced cornerbacks in the country, as he will be in his third year of starting for the Huskers at corner. In 1979, he earned second team All-Big 8 honors, as he got 29 total tackles, including 22 unassisted, intercepted three passes and broke up three others. He was outstanding in last year's Oklahoma game--had 3 unassisted tackles, intercepted a pass and himself prevented three OU scores. For his effort, he was named the ABC-TV Defensive Player of the Game.

DEFENSIVE BACK

ERIC WRIGHT, MU (6-2, 178, Sr) Led secondary tacklers with 55, had four pass interceptions, eight passes broken up and three fumble recoveries. Won All-Big 8 first team recognition. Picked off three San Diego State passes, same as Bill Whitaker, tying a school record. Tigers' free safety is quickest of all secondary defenders with 4.5 speed in the 40. Has excellent anticipation, great acceleration to the ball and is seldom beaten deep. Had numerous touchdown-saving tackles in '79 and could well be the Big Eight's best defensive back. Majoring in Elementary Physical Education.

Gallery of Legends

These permanent members of the Big Eight Hall of Fame represents five years' selections.

Byron (Whizzer) White
COLORADO

Paul Christman
MISSOURI

Bob Fenimore
OKLAHOMA STATE

Billy Vessels
OKLAHOMA

Ray Evans
KANSAS

Bobby Reynolds
NEBRASKA

Ed Weir
NEBRASKA

Gale Sayers
KANSAS

Jim Weatherall
OKLAHOMA

Tommy McDonald
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Guy Chamberlain
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Bob Steuber
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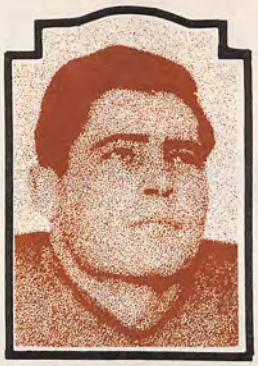

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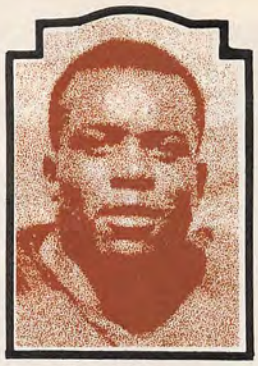

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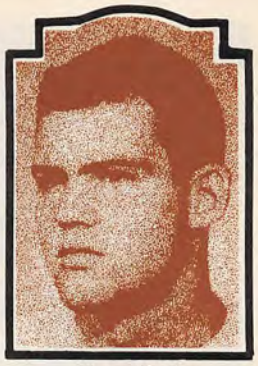

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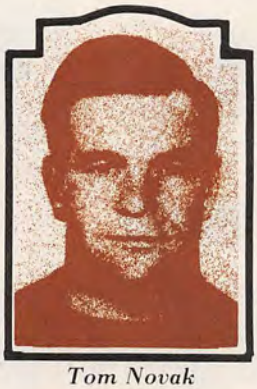

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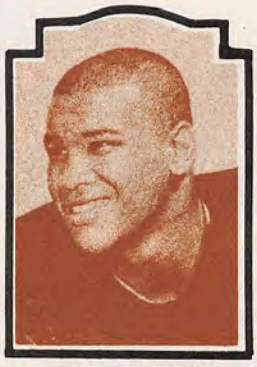

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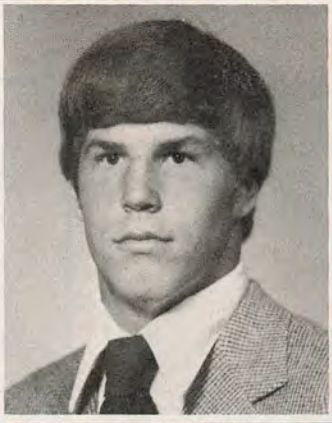

Pictured clockwise, beginning in the upper left corner are Stanley Wilson, Oklahoma running back; Randy Jostes, Missouri tackle, Darrell Dickey, Kansas State quarterback; Karl Nelson, Iowa State tackle; Mike Weddington, Oklahoma outside linebacker.

By RANDY YORK, *Lincoln Journal & Star*

NEBRASKA AND OKLAHOMA'S joint domination of the 1980 Big Eight Pre-Season All-Sophomore Team is hardly surprising.

After all, the Huskers and the Sooners were able to avoid the overall recruiting collapse that greeted four new Big Eight head coaches in 1979.

Last year was predicted to be a sub-par recruiting harvest and the results reflect the forecast. Quality sophomores are so rare, Big Eight Magazine did not select a second-team in the Sophomore Showcase for the first time ever.

Nebraska and Oklahoma, however, rescue the honor team from any embarrassment. Each school landed six players and none demand an apology.

Three Sooner selections were almost as automatic as your neighborhood car wash--running back Stanley Wilson (5-11, 202), offensive guard Don Key (6-2, 250) and kicker Michael Keeling (6-3, 196).

All three were named to the Blue Chip Freshman All-America team, selected by 150 coaches representing the top 100 colleges in the country.

After a sensational freshman season, Wilson draws more votes for Big Eight Sophomore of the Year than Bo Derek draws for a "10".

But surprise, surprise, surprise!

Wilson's own offensive coordinator, Galen Hall, has a different candidate for the same honor--Sooner noseguard John Blake, a 6-0, 250-pound combination of quickness, strength and determination.

"He was that exceptional this spring," Hall said of Blake, the former Sand Springs, Okla. fullback who pushed, then moved ahead of junior Johnnie Lewis.

Before Blake ascended to the top, OU coaches properly gushed with enthusiasm about having him redshirt.

"It would have been nice," assistant head coach Merv Johnson admitted. "But he's just too valuable on the field to consider it. He's a superior player and pushed Lewis into being one, too."

Blake has cat-like quickness at the point of contact, but he also has the strength to shed the block. "He can really punish an offensive lineman," Johnson said. "That's what you want out of a player at that spot."

"John reminds me so much of Lucious Selmon," OU defensive coordinator Rex Norris said. "He's quick (:04.78 in the 40) and has that exceptional upper body strength (420-pound bench press).

"Reggie Kinlaw was quick, but he didn't have that upper body strength. John has it all. He's even an A-student. He has a great attitude and he always has a smile. His height is probably his only shortcoming."

Blake is a superstar anchor to the All-Sophomore defense, but he is by no means the only athlete with five-star potential.

OFFENSE

TE	**Andy Gibler** 6-4, 220	MU
T	**Elbert Graham** 6-3, 275	OU
G	**Russell Graham** 6-4, 234	OSU
C	**Dave Rimington** 6-3, 240	NU
G	**Don Key** 6-2, 250	OU
T	**Karl Nelson** 6-7, 250	ISU
SE	**Jim Knuth** 6-7, 200	ISU
SE	**Todd Brown** 6-1, 167, 4.4	NU
WR	**Don Holmes** 5-11, 160	CU
QB	**Darrell Dickey** 6-1, 195	KSU
RB	**Stanley Wilson** 5-11, 202	OU
RB	**Roger Craig** 6-1, 205	NU
K	**Michael Keeling** 6-3, 196	OU

DEFENSE

OLB	**Mike Green** 6-2, 220	OSU
T	**Randy Jostes** 6-5, 225	MU
NG	**John Blake** 6-0, 250	OU
T	**Toby Williams** 6-3, 255	NU
OLB	**Mike Weddington** 6-2, 225	OU
ILB	**Steve Damkroger** 6-2, 220	NU
ILB	**Steve McWhirter** 6-3, 235	NU
CB	**Greg Hill** 6-1, 179	OSU
CB	**Darrell Songy** 6-0, 185	OU
S	**Kevin Potter** 5-11, 180	MU
S	**Kris Van Norman** 6-0, 185	NU

Nebraska and Missouri are equally sold on the two tackles listed next to him. The Huskers are raving about 6-4, 244-pound Toby Williams and the Tigers are using similar superlatives to describe 6-5, 250-pound Randy Jostes, an athlete they recruited away from Nebraska in 1979.

Williams, a Cornhusker walk-on from Washington, D.C., averaged :04.83 in nine 40-yard dash trials during winter conditioning.

"He's one of the best athletes we've ever had at defensive tackle," Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne said. "He can make tackles from sideline to sideline."

"He might be another Mike Fultz or John Dutton," NU defensive line coach Charlie McBride said of Williams. "He had some awesome moments during the spring. The only problem is, he hasn't played a down in a major college game."

The same cannot be said of Jostes, who lettered as a freshman last year after an All-American prep career at Ralston, Nebraska. Jostes was Nebraska's 1978 Defensive Player of the Year and state champion in the discus.

"He's been every bit the great athlete we knew he was," Missouri head coach Warren Powers said. "He played in some pretty tough spots as a freshman and played well. When he gets some more experience, he'll become one of the best in the conference."

Oklahoma is hoping experience is all that will keep Mike Weddington (6-3, 220) from moving to the top in the conference.

"He's a great athlete, too," OU's Norris said. "If we didn't have Forrest Valora at tight end, he'd be starting there. As it was, he backed him up and lettered as a freshman. He's one of those Super Texas Blue-Chips. We needed to find a starting spot for him. Fortunately, we found it on our defense."

Weddington is named to the All-Sophomore Team at outside linebacker, joining Oklahoma State's Mike Green (6-2, 220) at that position. Green was in on 35 tackles as a freshman. He moved into the lineup when All-American John Corker was injured and ended up splitting time with Corker at the end of the year.

The All-Sophomore inside linebackers are both Huskers--Steve McWhirter (6-2, 228), a prep All-American from Fairfield, Iowa, and Steve Damkroger (6-0, 227), a prep All-American from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Neither one wound up at the top of Nebraska's final spring depth chart, but that doesn't mean much. The Huskers returned both starting linebackers from last year, leading tacklers Kim Baker and Brent Williams.

"Baker and Williams aren't as strong as McWhirter and Damkroger," Nebraska linebacker coach John Melton said. "Just because those two sophomores are listed second team doesn't mean they are second team. I look at them more as sharing first team. In fact, I intent to platoon them this year like Charlie McBride platooned our defensive tackles last year."

McWhirter and Damkroger both lettered after redshirting their freshmen season. Both have future All-Big Eight possibilities. McWhirter, particularly, might even be of All-American caliber.

The All-Sophomore secondary is represented by four schools--Oklahoma State's Greg Hill (6-1, 179) and Oklahoma's Darrell Songy (6-0, 185) at cornerbacks and Missouri's Kevin Potter (5-11, 180) and Nebraska's Kris Van Norman (6-1, 191) at safeties.

Hill is a speed merchant. He was Texas' 330-yard intermediate hurdle champion with a :36.4 clocking, the fastest prep time in America in 1979. A member of Texas' Super 33 Golden Triangle squad, he started every game for Oklahoma State as a freshman.

Songy was a second-team safety for Oklahoma as a freshman before moving to cornerback midway through spring drills. "He's made some mistakes," assistant head coach Merv Johnson said. "But the mistakes he's made have been because he's been too aggressive. That's always a good sign."

Songy has :04.55 speed in the 40. "We've recruited some great athletes (including All-America offensive tackle Louis Oubre) from his high school in New Orleans," defensive coordinator Norris said. "Darrell might be the best athlete of the whole bunch. I know we're excited about what he can do."

All eight of Missouri's top secondary players, including Potter, return this year.

He was the Tigers' only freshman starter in the season opener last fall after being redshirted in 1978 following an ankle injury in pre-season work.

A former prep quarterback in St. Louis, Potter is tough, combative and strong. He runs the 40 in :04.6.

Nebraska's Van Norman is a shade slower at :04.7. A 1979

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redshirt, he worked his way up to the Huskers' No. 1 monster position at the conclusion of spring drills.

Even though he may lose that spot to Sammy Sims this fall, Osborne is convinced Van Norman deserves his spot on the All-Sophomore team. "It's not easy to be as high as he is as a sophomore in our secondary," Osborne said. "Once he gets some experience, he'll be a solid player."

The quarterback on the 1980 All-Sophomore Team is hoping to change labels with a solid player to a super player. One thing is certain. Kansas State's Darrell Dickey (6-1, 195) is a natural publicity target. His dad, Jim, is the head coach for the Wildcats.

After passing for 2,800 yards and 24 touchdowns in his last two years at Chapel Hill, N. C., Dickey became a starter as a freshman. In seven games, he hit 71 of 140 passes for 895 yards. His 315-yard effort againt Kansas was the best in the league.

Dickey's father waited until the seventh game before he inserted his son into the starting lineup. Oklahoma waited five games before it started Stanley Wilson, and it proved to be an equally worthwhile venture.

Wilson (5-11, 202, :04.5) is probably the best known All-Sophomore of the group. He came to OU with an impressive reputation. He was a first-team member of the "Super Blues", and the first prep All-American the Sooners signed in California.

Wilson reminds his prep coach, Chris Ferragamo, of Earl Campbell. Wilson was the Player of the Year in Los Angeles County both as a junior and a senior.

He's explosive and he's strong. He finished second behind teammate Billy Sims in rushing with 491 yards. He had a 49-yard run against Kansas State and scored in the Orange Bowl win over Florida State.

"We love Stanley Wilson's quickness," head coach Barry Switzer said. "He fits into our wishbone perfectly."

Nebraska's Roger Craig (6-2, 204) another member of the All-Sophomore backfield, is hoping to seize some playing time while working behind veteran Husker I-backs Jarvis Redwine and Craig Johnson.

"He'll play. We need three I-backs at Nebraska," Osborne said. "We're confident with Roger's abilities. He can do a lot of things with the football."

"He just needs to be a little more aggressive," NU offensive backfield coach Mike Corgan said. "Roger probably runs as well as any freshman we've had. He's a great instinctive runner. Once he runs a little lower, he'll be even better. He's a pretty big target when he runs tall."

Speaking of big targets, the All-Sophomore Team has one in Iowa State's 6-7, 200-pound split end, Jim Knuth. He was the sensation of November in Ames, catching 15 passes in the Cyclone's last five games.

Knuth was probably the best kept prep secret in Iowa his senior year at West Marshall High School in State Center. A quarterback, he missed his last seven games with a severe thigh injury. Despite his size, he can run a :04.6 40.

The other split end on the honor team, Nebraska's Todd Brown (6-1, 167) is even faster at :04.48. Unlike Knuth, Brown hasn't played a minute for the Huskers, but his meteoric rise during spring practice signaled great things for his sophomore season.

"I'm glad he's going to be around here for three years," NU receiver coach Jerry Pettibone said. "You can see his improvement every day because he works so hard. You could tell from the first day that he was out here to play. He's steady and reliable. He has great concentration, speed and desire. He's smart, too. He has everything Tim Smith had, plus he's a little faster."

Brown can catch a football in a crowd. But so can the other two receivers on the All-Sophomore Team--Colorado wingback Don Holmes (5-11, 160) and Missouri tight end Andy Gibler (6-4, 220).

Holmes created a regional stir when he caught his first collegiate touchdown pass at the tender age of 16. He turned 17 last April 1, but don't let his age fool you.

The Miami, Fla., product has :04.4 speed and impressive freshman statistics. Last season, he caught 17 passes for 301 yards. He works hard to get open.

"After spring practice, it was clear to me--Donnie will be a pro player by the time he graduates," offered CU recruiting coordinator Lannie Julias.

With his size, Missouri's Gibler could become a pro, too. Last year, Missouri coaches considered tight end a gap...before Gibler showed them what a freshman can do.

He caught 23 passes for 316 yards and four touchdowns and had as much to do with Mizzou's late'season resurgence as anybody. He's a natural athlete who was a fullback and defensive end in high school.

Two Oklahoma standouts--tackle Elbert Graham (6-3, 275) and guard Don Key (6-2, 250)--lead the All-Sophomore offensive line selections.

The 1980 Sooner offensive line is already being labeled super and Key is one of the biggest reasons why. He was named to the Coaches' Freshman All-America team after starting every game last season.

His two best came when OU needed them most--against Missouri and Nebraska in the final two regular season games. A 1978 redshirt, Key made up for his lack of physical skills with exceptional mobility. OU coaches expect him to dominate his position more this fall.

Graham, a native of Greenville, Texas, redshirted in 1979 and started the spring behind Louis Oubre before bursting into his own prominence.

The other All-Sophomore offensive linemen are Nebraska center Dave Rimington (6-0, 248), Oklahoma State guard Russell Graham (6-4, 234) and Iowa State tackle Karl Nelson (6-7, 250).

Nelson took advantage of the 1978 freshman redshirt rule and started in 1979. He was one of Chicago's top high school prospects after captaining his football and basketball teams at DeKalb High School. Nelson moved into the Cyclone starting lineup during the spring of '79 and has been there since. "Someday," ISU assistant Jim Williams said, "he could be an All-Big Eight tackle."

Nebraska's Rimington would like to challenge for All-Big Eight center right now. "I think you'll hear his name mentioned," NU offensive line coach Milt Tenopir said. "Physically, he's one of the best prospects we've ever had. During the spring, he picked up the mental part of the game we demand, too. We expect great things from him."

OSU also expects great things from Graham, a quick down lineman who lettered as a freshman. The Cowboys expect him to fill the all-conference spot vacated by Reggie Richardson and hopefully, someday, achieve that distinction, too.

The All-Sophomore kicker was the nation's best as a freshman and will probably be the league's best this fall--Michael Keeling. He averaged 41.9 yards a punt last season and had a 58-yarder against Texas.

He converted all 32 of his extra point attempts and 6 of 8 field goal tries, including a 38-yarder to beat Missouri (24-22) and a 31-yarder to beat Nebraska (17-14).

If the Big Eight were to give special All-Sophomore mention, it would go to Oklahoma defensive tackle Paul "Bugger" Parker (6-3, 259) and Nebraska offensive tackle Randy Theiss (6-5, 257).

Parker, the celebrated heavyweight wrestler, trimmed from 290 to 259 pounds last spring to move up to second team defensive tackle behind talented Richard Turner.

Theiss accomplished a very rare feat, moving into Nebraska's starting lineup as a sophomore.

FRESHMAN HARVEST

Experts say Big 8 Conference has best recruiting year nationally!

By AL ESCHBACH,
Oklahoma Journal

IF YOU REMEMBER, a year ago we pointed out that the Big Eight Conference as a whole, had a disastrous recruiting campaign. There were those who saw it as the decline of this country's most prestigious league.

We took a different position. You don't jump in the Boston marathon in the last mile and expect to cart home the trophy. 1979 was just a tune up for the main event, and the outcome was predictable.

The reason that most of the schools had a down year was due to the installation of new coaches in the league--Chuck Fairbanks at Colorado, Jimmy Johnson at Oklahoma State, Don Fambrough at Kansas and Donnie Duncan at Iowa State. You don't have great recruiting years by getting a late start. And for pure recruiting, there isn't a better foursome in America.

Twelve months later you don't hear anything about a decline in the power of the Big Eight. It's the other way around. The Big Eight Conference enjoyed a better year recruiting, from top to bottom, than any other loop in the nation. Yes, better than the Southwest, Southeastern and Big 10 conferences.

Now this is surprising for a league that is not connected with the heavy population areas, so it must go elsewhere to get some of its talent. Big Eight teams headed into Pac 10, Atlantic Coast, Southeastern and Southwest conference country to raid those areas for talent.

Southern Cal recruiter Artie Gigantino said that the trend this year was for the high school hotshots to stay close to home. This wasn't the case for Big Eight teams. They had some big losses in their own states--like Jeff Leiding leaving Oklahoma to go to Texas, Colorado losing All-American defensive back Vaughn Williams to Stanford, tight end Harper Howell to UCLA, and Iowa State losing Paul Hufford, the No. 1 prize in its state to Iowa of the Big 10.

But the losses were few and far between. The schools did a good job keeping the top players close to home and then wandered into enemy areas to bring away some top recruiting plums.

Why did the Big Eight have such a good recruiting year? The big reason is that the new coaches had a full season to recruit. And they went into some places they were familiar with. They were enthusiastic with their approach, and there aren't many who can outrecruit them.

Of course, the 'old-timers' like Barry Switzer and Tom Osborne just went about their own business and brought home the typical haul which makes them a top 10 team every season.

The Switzer-Sooners keep on expanding their recruiting efforts. In the Bud Wilkinson days the Sooners stayed close to home concentrating efforts on the home front, Texas and an occasional raid into New Mexico.

Elvis Peacock started the Miami connection. Two of their top signees are from that area--Buster Rhymes and Dwight Draine. And has that ever been profitable. Now the Sooners are trying to make in-roads in California and this year signed four players, including All-American linebacker John Truitt of Los Angeles.

But it was the crop in Oklahoma that made their recruiting success "the best since of 1975 class," says Switzer. "We didn't lose one player to Oklahoma State that we really wanted," said recruiting coordinator Mike Jones.

It was an excellent year in Oklahoma with players such as Leiding, linebacker Jackie Shipp, tight ends Tim Randolph and Ricky Bryan and linemen Tom Flemons and Eric Pope.

Nebraska did what it always does--hold every player worth a darn at home and then woo a healthy contingency from Texas, California, New England and, yes, even Missouri.

And let's not forget about the Huskers' walkon program. Most assuredly they'll have players from all parts of the country walk on without a scholarship and then turn out to be starters in a couple of years.

Chuck Fairbanks was still fighting the New England Patriots during his first recruiting year and wasn't allowed by the courts to talk to prospects. People that knew Fairbanks well at Oklahoma knew the kind of recruiter and organizer he was. It would be only a short time before he would get the Buffalo program back on its feet.

Recruiters from other schools thought they were seeing double when they went into various towns across the country because they would always see a representative from the Colorado staff. Fairbanks had his assistants on the road most of the year.

Of course, there were the disappointments. They came in second on a lot of great players, like tight end Mark Lewis (Texas A&M), quarterback Steve Bono (UCLA), Buster Rhymes (Oklahoma), Lloyd Archie (Houston), Darrell Hopper (USC) and many more. But they got more than people realized and the fact that the Buffs signed five from the 'Super 16' list in California gives you an inkling of the caliber of their efforts.

The most surprising team to watch in the Big Eight was Kansas. The Jayhawks simply astounded other coaches across the country. All that they did was get one of the top runningbacks in the country and one of the best quarterbacks in the land from the same Edison High in Huntington Beach, Calif. More than a month after it happened coaches still talked with disbelief about those antics.

And the Jayhawks did a good job of keeping players like lineman K. C. Brown and All-American linebacker Mike Arbanas from leaving the area.

Last year Warren Powers had a heckuva time keeping other schools from coming into Missouri's back yard and leaving with the state's best players. The situation became more than frustrating.

This year Warren welcomed all of those foreign powers. But this time when they left they only got a "B" for effort. The Tigers put a secure lock on their state. That's why they had the good year.

Oklahoma State got whipped in its own state, but Jimmy Johnson didn't seem to let those battles bother the rest of his efforts. Johnson used his connections back East to bring to OSU the most celebrated recruit since Terry Miller--tight end John Chesley from Washington, D.C.

The Cowboys also got one of the better hauls in Texas when it signed the likes of Reggie Barnett of Houston Wheatley and Raymond Polk of Sherman. Both were on Texas Football Magazine's 'Top 90 List'. They also think they have a sleeper in Mark Granger of Port Arthur and they got one of the premier performers in Arkansas in runningback Shawn Jones of Little Rock.

Iowa State didn't have many juniors on its team, so Duncan wanted to

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remedy the situation quickly. He concentrated his efforts on the junior college ranks.

The work wasn't wasted because the Cyclones came up with THE TOP juco crops in the nation. "We needed balance in our program and we think we have it with the junior college players," said Duncan. "And we also got players who can step in right away."

Kansas State was another who hit the junior college ranks with a great deal of zest. The Wildcat's got OU's No. 1 juco prospect in linebacker Will Cokely from Coffeyville, Kan. and 6-5, 255 Mike Simeta of Mira Costa, Calif. JUCO from the grasp of Colorado.

Dickey was well satisfied with the crop he got. He thinks his junior college players will help his headache faster than Alka-Seltzer. And prep signees like lineman Tom Menas (6-4, 254), running-back Ernie Coleman, quarterback Mark Hundley and receiver Hal Bentley also will soothe what aches Dickey.

Let's take a look at some of the individuals who will be performing for the first time in the Big Eight. They bring along some glittering statistics.

Starting off with the backfield, maybe there's a Heisman Trophy winner in the making!

Edison High School in Huntington Beach had one of the top high school teams in California. The big reason was because of its backfield in which quarterback Frank Seurer and halfback Kewin Bell were members. No other high school in the country had a one-two punch like these consensus All-Americans.

Seurer was one of the six best quarterback prizes in the nation. He narrowed his decision down to Colorado and Kansas. This 6-2, 185 pounder completed 65 of 160 passes for 1,497 yards and 17 TD's. He will help immediately as a freshman.

There may have been some bigger backs than Bell, but you weren't going to find many faster. This 5-9,180 pounder (and that's stretching it) runs a legit 4.4 40. Every school that he could qualify for, grade-wise, wanted him.

"He strikes like lightning," said Barry Switzer. "You can keep him bottled up for the entire game and then he will go 50 yards on you. He's electrifying."

All that this dynamo did during his senior year was rush for 2,223 yards and 26 TD's on 266 carries. Half of his TD jaunts were from 30 yards or more.

He was considered one of the top four halfback prospects in America.

Tied for quarterback with Seurer on the Big Eight Magazine's freshman harvest team is Ricki Byars. He's just like Bell. He proves that good things do come in small packages.

Now this 5-9, 180 pounder wasn't recruited by all of the major schools as a quarterback. For them, he would be a halfback or a split receiver. But for teams that run the wishbone, he might have been the No. 1 quarterback in the nation.

"He'll be a great one," says Southern Cal's Artie Gigantino. "He'll fit that Oklahoma offense perfectly. He's an outstanding athlete." Byars, who was a wishbone quarterback at LaPorte, Tex. rushed and passed for over 1,500 yards.

A second Sooner to be in the backfield is George 'Buster' Rhymes. Rhymes is from Miami, Fla., the same city as former OU halfback Elvis Peacock. And he already reminds the OU staff of the Los Angeles Rams halfback. The reason there are comparisons is because Rhymes is big (6-3, 195) and he's fast--4.5 in the 40.

He was regarded by many as the top back in Florida. Rhymes, who averaged 24 points a game in basketball, picked OU after a heated battle with Colorado.

One back the Buffalo's didn't lose was Lee Rouson of Greensboro, N. C. The Buffs slugged it out with Southern Cal and Pitt to win this 6-2, 190 pound gem.

Rouson rushed for over 2,200 yards the past two seasons with 24 TD's and a 6.3 average per carry. As a senior he gained over 1,200 yards while catching 24 passes.

"He's a winner," said Buff recruiting chief Lannie Julias. "He can be a great one. He has those good natural instincts you like to see in a runner."

Rounding out the backfield is Jeff Smith, the speedster from Wichita who will be at Nebraska. Just how good is Jeff Smith? Well, Nebraska probably could have landed Kerwin Bell if it waited. But Smith told the Husker staff it's either "him or Bell". The Nebraska staff didn't waste a minute. They signed Smith and said good-bye to the controversial Bell.

"He reminds me of Joe Washington the way he jitterbugs," says Husker recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone. "He has that rare combination of good speed with good moves. We think he's in the same class as Kewin Bell."

There's no drop in talent when you take a look at the receivers--tight end John Chesley (Oklahoma State) and wide receiver Derek Singleton (Colorado) of Santa Monica, Calif.

On any normal year Chesley would have been regarded as the top tight end in the country. But with Ricky Gray (Clemson) and Mark Lewis (Texas A&M) around, this 6-6, 223 pounder from Washington, D.C. was tabbed as the third best. He's quite a prize.

"Chesley is a great tight end prospect because of his size and speed (4.7)," says Southern Cal's Gigantino. "I thought we were going to get him. The night before signing, he told me to come to Washington D.C. because he would sign with USC. I got on a plane and flew across the country and when I arrived the next morning he had already signed with Oklahoma State." Chesley should be a four year starter at OSU, he's that good.

Singleton is one of those players Colorado signed who were on the Los Angeles Times 'Super 16' list. He could either wind up as a running back or a wide receiver. Singleton rushed for over 700 yards as a senior despite missing three games with an injury.

"He has great potential," says Julias. "We beat the world in getting him. He's also a great baseball player. We think he can contribute immediately."

Now let's take a look at the interior of this star-studded team. The tackles are huge--Mark Behning (6-5, 260) of Denton, Tex. and Scott McLaughlin (6-3, 250) of Houston. Both will be heading to Nebraska. The guards aren't that small either in K. C. Brown (6-6, 260) of Shawnee Mission, Kan., and Vince Rafferty (6-3, 245) of Longmont, Colo. Anchoring the line is center Chuck Thomas (6-3, 230) of Houston.

"I think Behning is one of the top offensive line prospects in the country," said Notre Dame recruiting coordinator Brian Boulac. "We watched him and we think he can be a great one."

About his other bookend tackle, Pettibone remarked "We thought McLaughlin was one of the top linemen in Texas this year. He has very good speed (4.9). He is comparable to some of the good linemen we recruited at Oklahoma."

Another of the Huskers formidable tackles was Ron Bachmann of St. Louis. Although receiving all kinds of pre-season attention--something that seems to follow great size--Bachmann (6-8, 270) "...had a very poor senior year," according to several recruiters. "But, he can be a great one because of that size. I just think he has to be motivated." Bachmann was stationed on the second team.

Rafferty was the best line prospect in Colorado and Fairbanks wasn't about to let him loose. He was also the top weight man in the state in track. Rafferty, who has 4.75 speed in the 40, is some kind of strong. He won the 1979 state high school power lift title with a total of 1,300 pounds.

Brown was the top lineman in Kansas. He'll play right away for Fambrough. "He's a great, great line prospect," said Iowa State's Duncan. "He's in the same class with some of those we had at Oklahoma. He'll be a two-time All-American."

"Definitely one of your premier offensive linemen in the country," said Notre Dame's Boulac.

Thomas, who is heading to OU, was the best center in Texas and the fourth best in the country. "Centers aren't the easiest players to come by. A lot of times

you have to switch players to that position. Chuck has a chance to be an outstanding player for us," said Switzer.

Now let's move over to the defense. This was the year of the linebacker in the country. The Big Eight Conference got its share of the best with three All-Americans--John Truitt (6-3, 205) of Carson, Calif., Jackie Shipp (6-3, 195) of Stillwater, Okla. and Mike Arbanas (6-4, 220) of Grandview, Mo. And the fourth, Alan Chrite (6-2, 215) of Detroit, one of the best in the Midwest.

Truitt is from the same Banning High School that brought freshman All-American fullback Stanley Wilson to Oklahoma.

"The reason I came to OU was because of Stanley. If he had gone to USC, that's where I would have gone. I narrowed it to Southern Cal and OU, but I really never thought about staying home. My goal is to make freshman All-American just like Stanley did," says Truitt.

Oklahoma didn't get Jeff Leiding, but it got Shipp from its own state and they think that might be just as good.

"Jackie Shipp is in the same class as Leiding," said UCLA recruiter Billy Reese. "He was one of the three best in the country."

The Oklahoma coaches say Leiding is bigger, but Shipp is faster (4.6).

Arbanas was on all the preseason All-American teams. He was recruited by most of the nation's powers. He's the son of former Kansas City Chief star Fred Arbanas.

"Mike didn't have a good senior year, he didn't impress a lot of people on film," said one recruiter. "But, he's a great athlete and you just have to think he'll be a star at some position in college."

Chrite, who is Colorado bound, made 210 tackles and was in on 113 unassisted stops. He was named by the Detroit Free Press as the top linebacker in Michigan. "He's an outstanding prospect," said Boulac. "He was one of your better linebackers in the country."

Making up the interior of the defense are Mark Washington (6-5, 237) of Compton, Calif., Danny Wilson (6-0, 225) of Sherman, Tex. and Conrad Goode (6-7, 230) of Chesterfield, Mo.

Washington was another of those Colorado recruits on the 'Super 16' in California. "He might have been the best defensive lineman in Southern California," said Julias. "He has run a 22.3 220, so that should tell you something about his speed."

Wilson, who was on the Scholastic Coach All-American team, was termed by Jerry Pettibone, "As good a defensive line prospect as there was in the Midwest. We thought he was the best in Texas." And Pettibone maintained that opinion after Wilson turned down the Huskers to head to Oklahoma.

First Team

OFFENSE

TE	**John Chesley** Washington, DC (Eastern)	6-6	223	4.7	OSU
T	**Mark Behning** Denton, TX	6-6½	265	5.0	NU
G	**Vince Rafferty** Longmont, CO	6-3	245	4.8	CU
C	**Chuck Thomas** Houston, TX	6-3	230	4.9	OU
G	**K. C. Brown** Shawnee Mission, KS	6-6	260	5.0	KU
T	**Scott McLaughlin** Houston, TX (Statford)	6-3	250	5.0	NU
WR	**Derek Singleton** Santa Monica, CA	5-11	180	4.5	CU
QB	**Ricki Byars** LaPorte, TX	5-9	180	4.5	OU
QB	**Frank Seurer** Huntington Beach, CA	6-2	185	4.8	KU
RB	**Kerwin Bell** Huntington Beach, CA	5-9	180	4.4	KU
RB	**Lee Rouson** Greensboro, NC (Page)	6-2	190	4.6	CU
RB	**Buster Rhymes** Miami, FL	6-3	195	4.5	OU
RB	**Jeff Smith** Wichita, KS (Southeast)	5-10	175	4.6	NU
RS	**Darryl Curry** Rancho Cordova, GA	5-11	170	4.4	CU

DEFENSE

OLB	**John Truitt** Carson, CA	6-3	205	4.8	OU
T	**Mark Washington** Compton, CA	6-5	237	4.7	CU
NG	**Danny Wilson** Sherman, TX	6-0	225	4.8	OU
T	**Conrad Goode** Chesterfield, MO	6-7	230	4.9	MU
OLB	**Jackie Shipp** Stillwater, OK	6-3	195	4.6	OU
ILB	**Mike Arbanas** Grandview, MO	6-4	220	4.8	KU
ILB	**Alan Chrite** Detroit, MI (Chadsey)	6-2	215	4.7	CU
CB	**Dwight Drane** Miami, FL	6-1	195		OU
CB	**Victor Scott** East St. Louis, IL	6-0	180	4.5	CU
S	**Brian Hall** Houston, TX	6-2	190		OU
S	**Tracey Mack** Webster Groves MO	6-1	205	4.5	MU

Goode is one of Missouri's top recruits. Many think he was the top lineman in that state. "I've heard some good things about him," said Boulac. "There seem to be some mixed opinions on him. Some will tell you they think he'll be an All-American, while others just don't know how good he is."

And the final part of this team is the defensive backfield. Dwight Drane (6-2, 195) of Miami, Fla. and Brian Hall (6-2, 190) of Houston were regarded as two of the best defensive backs in the country. Both are going to Oklahoma. Tracey Mack is a superb athlete who could be a running back, a linebacker or a defensive back at Missouri. And in Victor Scott, CU got another player with great athletic ability and speed.

Drane is one of the latest in the line of the 'Florida Connection' to journey to Oklahoma. "He's a great defensive back. He was by far the best in the Miami area. He'll be a pro someday," said his high school coach. "One of your best defensive backs in the country," said Boulac.

Hall is another who can help the Sooner secondary immediately. He was listed by Texas Football Magazine as the No. 1 defensive back in Texas. "He has a chance to help right away," said Switzer. "He's a very intelligent player and is very smooth back there."

Mack gained over 1,000 yards running the ball from the fullback slot. "I thought he was the best athlete in St. Louis this year." said Oklahoma assistant Merv Johnson. "We thought he could be a great defensive player. He'll play somewhere." He'll remind you of George Cumby.

The 6-0, 180 pound Scott from East St. Louis, Ill. helped his team to the Illinois state title. He caught six passes for 116 yards in the title contest. He was selected for the Chicago Tribune 'Super 22' all-state list. He runs a 4.5 40 and the Buffaloes plan to station his talents at cornerback.

After a bonanza harvest by all eight schools, the second team is undoubtedly on a par with the starters. This is by far the greatest influx of talent to the Big 8 in the past decade, as evidenced by the fact that three members of California's 'Super 16' bound for Colorado didn't even make the First Team. Lou Holtz described tight end/linebacker Ricky Bryan (OU) as "the best athlete Arkansas was recruiting...more flexible than Shipp or Leiding." Bryan placed on the second team.

Every member of the 2nd team backfield was rated the best their state had to offer. Shawn Jones (OSU) was Arkansas' top runner as was Brad Griffie (MU) in Missouri and Guy Egging (CU) in Colorado. Don Campbell (KSU) was the most highly touted quarterback in the midlands. Nebraska thought Turner Gill was the second best quarterback in Texas. All failed to crack this year's starting freshman backfield.

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Donnie Duncan thought Brad Dupree was the best lineman in Kansas. Jimmy Johnson had the same expectations for Chris Patton from Oklahoma. Kip Hamby (MU) and Mark Morgan were similarly recognized in Missouri and Colorado respectively. Nebraska would dearly love to have landed the Alexander (KU) twins from Kansas. All second teamers!

And how can you keep Darryl Curry, CU running back and Barrion Walker, OU defensive back off either team? Curry was the Player of the Year in Northern California over Todd Spenser, USC's top catch. And Walker was rated by Dave Campbell as the 4th best defensive back in Texas.

An Honor Roll is an appropriate addition for 1980, and not necessarily with any order in mind, one tight end with credentials is Brett Blaney (6-5, 210) of Prospect Heights, Ill., who may have an opportunity to start at Iowa State. Missouri bolstered its receiving corp with the addition of Curtland Thomas (6-0, 170) from St. Louis and Tony Davis (6-4, 205) of Colorado Springs, both are exceptional. George Shorthose (6-1, 185) an All-American runningback from Jefferson City will also be heard from soon. Darryl Mitchell (5-11, 195) is a deluxe receiver from Ft. Worth Arlington Hts. who will play in a hurry. He was the recipient of those bombs from Turner Gill. Linemen are being slighted by this analysis because there are a number of outstanding prospects who simply cannot be compared with any degree of accuracy.

So who had the best recruiting year in the Big 8? The Blue Chip Bureau, which currently represents 150 college coaches and 170 prep sports journalists will not release their findings for two more weeks, as this publication is going to press.

Without pre-empting that copyrighted story, it would be fair to say that Colorado and Kansas were the big surprises. Everyone had an exceptional year, because they satisfied their immediate needs. Iowa State and Kansas State will need to solidify their JUCO gains with a strong freshman class in 1981. As has been our tradition, the junior college players were not considered in the Freshman Harvest.

If you want a sneak preview of the Bureau's evaluation of the Big 8 harvests, total the number of players on the first team for each school. This will generally approximate the order of their ranking. There is one exception, so don't miss reading *The Blue Chip* magazine. It represents the finest analysis of high school recruiting results ever published and exposes the superficial evaluation of several self-proclaimed national experts.

BIG EIGHT FRESHMAN ROSTERS

KANSAS STATE

QUARTERBACKS—Don Campbell, Lyons, KS; Stan Weber, Goddard, KS.

BACKS—Frank Gildea, Azusa, CA (Juco); Jim Morris, Coffeyville, KS (Juco).

ENDS—Jeff Peterson, Shawnee Mission, KS.

LINEMEN—Kyle Clawson, Ellinwood, KS; Jeff Koyl, Carlsbad, CA; Tom Menas, Coffeyville, KS (Juco); Mike Simeta, Oceanside, CA (Juco); Jeff Stevens, Ellsworth, IA (Juco).

LINEBACKERS—Will Cokeley, Coffeyville, KS (Juco); John Morrissey, Kansas City, MO.

RUNNING BACKS—Pete Brown, San Bernadino, CA (Juco); Ernie Coleman, Coffeyville, KS (Juco); Brad Heinrich, Oakley, KS; Mark Hundley, Lyons, KS; Mark Newton, Bonner Springs, KS.

RECEIVERS—Hal Bentley, New Brighton, PA; Ivan Pearl, Kansas City, MO.

KANSAS

QUARTERBACKS—Marc Messner (6-2, 180) Wichita, KS; Frank Seurer (6-2, 185) Huntington Beach, CA.

BACKS—Dane Anderson (6-1, 205) Lawrence, KS; Kerwin Bell (5-9, 180) Huntington Beach, CA; Rod Demerritte (5-10, 170) Miami, FL; Darren Green (5-10, 175) Lawrence, KS; E. J. Jones (6-1, 210) Chicago, IL; Elvis Patterson (5-11, 185) Houston, TX; Jeff Sneed (5-9, 170) Wellington, KS; Gary Luster (6-2, 190) Sangus, CA (Juco).

ENDS—Chuck Hoag (6-5, 210) Lawrence, KS; Doyle Spears (6-3, 185) Osborne, KS; Ernie Wright II (6-5, 210) San Diego, CA.

LINEMEN—Randall Amerine (6-3, 230) Ellinwood, KS; Renwick Atkins (6-5, 265) Chicago, IL; K. C. Brown (6-6, 260) Shawnee, KS; Kerry Bruno (6-4, 220) Houston, TX; Lonnie Robinson (6-3, 255) Chicago, IL; Jerry Scales II (6-4, 230) Houston, TX; Bennie Simecka (6-4, 245) Rossville, KS; Reggie Smith (6-4, 255) Chicago, IL; Guy Neighbors (6-6, 270) Tempe, AZ (Juco); John Prater (6-3, 250) Canyon, TX (Juco); Broderick Thompson (6-6, 265) Cerritos, CA (Juco).

LINEBACKERS—Carky Alexander (6-3, 215) Topeka, KS; Marky Alexander (6-3, 215) Topeka, KS; Mike Arbanas (6-4, 220) Grandview, MO; Scott Connors (6-1, 200) Joplin, MO; Bill Malavasi (6-1, 220) Huntington Beach, CA; Eddie Simmons (6-2, 205) Miramar, FL; Ken McGovern (6-1, 210) Lawrence, KS (Juco).

KICKERS—Bruce Kallmeyer (5-10, 170) Overland Park, KS.

MISSOURI

QUARTERBACKS—Kerry Holloway (6-1, 182) Cape Girardeau, MO; Brad Perry (6-3, 180) Trenton, MO.

BACKS—George Shorthose (6-1, 185) Jefferson City, MO; Tracey Mack (6-1,205) Webster Groves, MO; Darrell Williams (6-0, 200) East Prairie, MO; Tom Carruthers (6-1, 195) Joliet, IL; Harold Noirfalise (6-2, 195) Houston, MO; Terry Matichak (6-2, 180) Dolton, IL; Craig White (6-2, 180) Lawrence, KS; Kip Cross (6-2, 175) Edwardsville, IL; Brad Griffie (6-3, 203) Hannibal, MO.

RECEIVERS—Curtland Thomas (6-0, 170) St. Louis, MO; Tony Davis (6-4, 205) Colorado Springs, CO; Taft Sales (6-4, 205) Kansas City, MO.

LINEMEN—Conrad Goode (6-7,230) Chesterfield, MO; Kip Hamby (6-3, 205) Cape Girardeau, MO; Ernest Dukes (6-2, 196) East St. Louis, IL; Mark Murakowski (6-4, 225) Hammond, IN; Robert Curry (6-4,250) Arlington, TX; Dennis Sheldon (6-3, 235) Arlington, TX; Steve McDowell (6-7, 235) Friendswood, TX; Steve McDowell (6-7, 235) Friendswood, TX; Tom Woodland (6-4, 240) Juco, St. Louis, MO.

LINEBACKERS—Brad Bremer (6-5, 220) Peculair, MO; Ron Roddy (6-7, 230) St. Louis, MO; David Brock (6-2, 205) Clinton, MO.

NEBRASKA

QUARTERBACKS—Bret Clark (6-3, 190) Nebraska City, NE; Turner Gill (6-1, 185) Fort Worth, TX; Chris Knust (6-3, 180) Omaha, NE; Craig Sundberg (6-1, 190) Lincoln, NE.

BACKS—Dave Burke (5-11, 190) Layton, UT; Irving Fryar (6-0, 187) Mount Holly, NJ; Ricky Green (5-10, 180) Seminole, TX; Neil Harris (6-2, 178) Kansas City, KS; Tim Peterson (6-0, 170) Cambridge, NE; Scott Porter (6-2, 210) Nebraska City, NE; Mike Rozier (5-11, 202) Camden, NJ; Jeff Smith (5-10,180)Wichita, KS.

ENDS—Scott Kimball (6-1, 180) Camarillo, CA; Scott Norberg (5-10½, 170) Tempe, AZ.

LINEMEN—Ron Bachmann (6-8, 280)St.Louis, MO; Mark Behning (6-6½, 265) Denton, TX; Harry Grimminger (6-4, 240) Grand Island, NE; Brian Kramer (6-5, 240) Cedar Rapids, IA; Scott McLaughlin (6-3, 250) Houston, TX; Anthony Thomas (6-4, 290) San Francisco, CA; Mark Traynowicz (6-6, 235) Bellevue, NE.

LINEBACKERS—Pete Hill (6-1, 190) Omaha, NE; Bill Weber (6-2, 202) Lincoln, NE; Jim Wischmann (6-5, 205) Papillion, NE.

Second Team

OFFENSE

TE	**Rick Bryan** Broken Arrow, OK	6-4½	230	4.9	OU
T	**Tim Randolph** Midwest City, OK	6-3	230	4.9	OU
G	**Rob Stuckey** Lexington, NE	6-3	230		NU
C	**Kip Hamby** Cape Girardeau, MO	6-3	205		MU
G	**Mark Granger** Port Arthur, TX (Lincoln)	6-3	270	5.1	OSU
T	**Ron Bachmann** St. Louis, MO (Lindberg)	6-8	280	5.0	NU
WR	**Scott Kimbell** Camarillo, CA	6-1	180	4.5	NU
WR	**Hal Bentley** New Brighton, PA	6-1	190		KSU
QB	**Turner Gill** Ft. Worth, TX (Arlington Hts.)	6-0	185	4.5	NU
QB	**Don Campbell** Lyons, KS	6-5	205	4.6	KSU
RB	**Brad Griffie** Hannibal, MO	6-3	203		MU
RB	**Guy Egging** Broomfield, CO	5-11	186	4.5	CU
RB	**Shawn Jones** North Little Rock, AR	6-2	205	4.6	OSU

DEFENSE

OLB	**Carky Alexander** Topeka, KS	6-3	215		KU
OLB	**Marky Alexander** Topeka, KS	6-3	215		KU
T	**Chris Patton** Chickasha, OK	6-5	235		OSU
NG	**Brad Dupree** Ulysses, KS	6-3	240		ISU
T	**Bryan Kramer** Cedar Rapids, IA (Kennedy)	6-2	249	5.1	NU
OLB	**Terry Irvin** Los Angeles, CA (St. Bernards)	6-2	195		CU
ILB	**Doug Fischer** Canton, OH (Ctrl. Catholic)	6-0	205		ISU
ILB	**Sandy Armstrong** Los Angeles, CA	6-3	230		CU
CB	**Raymond Polk** Sherman, TX	6-0	203	4.5	OSU
CB	**Irving Fryer** Mt. Holly, NJ (Rv. R)	6-0	185	4.5	NU
S	**Jim Laska** Franklin, WI	6-3	187		ISU
S	**Barrion Walker** LaPorte, TX	5-11	180	4.6	OU

OKLAHOMA STATE

BACKS—Reggie Barnett (6-1, 205, 4.6) Houston, TX; Roderick Fisher (6-0, 180, 4.5) Dallas, TX; Kerry Franks (6-2, 195, 4.6) Orange, TX; Shawn Jones (6-2, 205, 4.5) N. Little Rock, AR; Carl Lowe (6-2, 180, 4.5) Little Rock, AR; Darryl Mitchell (5-11, 195, 4.5) Ft. Worth, TX; Raymond Polk (6-0, 203, 4.5) Sherman, TX; Chris Rockins (6-1, 185, 4.6) Sherman, TX;

ENDS—Rodney Bragg (6-3, 210, 4.7) Arkadelphia, AR; John Chesley (6-6, 223, 4.7) Washington, DC; Mike Dickerson (6-1, 195, 4.5) Ft. Smith, AR; Jim Evans (5-9, 170, 4.4) Tulsa, OK; Mike Henley (6-4, 217, 4.7) Tulsa, OK; Tom Howard (6-1, 205, 4.8) Tulsa, OK; Sean Majors (6-3, 215, 4.6) Washington, DC; Greg Ratliff (6-2, 215, 4.7) Shawnee, OK; Jim Tolleson (6-2, 190, 4.7) Bedford, TX.

LINEMEN—Tom Adams (6-3, 215, 5.0) Tulsa, OK; John Cegielski (6-2, 235, 5.0) Claremore, OK; Mark Granger (6-3, 270, 5.1) Port Arthur, TX; Dave Hicks (6-6, 230, 4.8) Tulsa, OK; Kevin Igo (6-2, 220, 4.8) Plainview, TX; Chris Patton (6-5, 235, 4.8) Chickasha, OK; Mike Poindexter (6-4, 218, 4.8) Tulsa, OK.

LINEBACKERS—Erick Green (6-3, 237, 4.8) S. Coffeyville, OK; Rodney Harding (6-3, 200, 4.7) Oklahoma City, OK; Travis Jefferson (6-2, 220, 4.7) Houston, TX; James Spencer (6-4, 215, 4.7) Roulette, TX.

COLORADO

QUARTERBACKS—Steve Vogel (6-4, 200) Colorado Springs, CO.

BACKS—Jerome LaNeir (6-1, 220) Denver, CO (Juco); Romano Robinson (5-10, 185) Pacific Palisades, CA (Juco); Darryl Curry (5-11, 170) Rancho Cordova, CA; Kent Davis (6-2, 190) Miami, FL; Jeff Donaldson (6-0, 190) Fort Collins, CO; Guy Egging (5-11, 186) Broomfield, CO; Kelly Johnson (5-8, 155) Carlsbad, NM; Allan Larson (6-1, 185) Portland, OR; Lee Rouson (6-2, 190) Greensboro, NC; Victor Scott (6-0, 180) East St. Louis, IL; Derek Singleton (5-11, 180) Santa Monica, CA; Walter Stanley (5-11, 170) Chicago, IL.

LINEMEN—Graham Harrison (6-4, 260) Los Angeles, CA (Juco); Mike Berk (6-5, 275) Van Nuys, CA; Mike Bubak (6-4, 240) Lansford, PA; Mark Morgan (6-5, 240) Golden, CO; Ron Nery (6-8, 255) Boise, ID; Dave Nickels (6-2, 250) Battle Ground, WA; Doug Pratt (6-4, 255) St. Charles, MO; Vince Rafferty (6-3, 245) Longmont, CO; Mike Sylvester (6-4, 260) Aliquippa, PA; Mark Washington (6-5, 237) Compton, CA.

LINEBACKERS—Sandy Armstrong (6-3, 230) Los Angeles, CA; Alan Chrite (6-2, 215) Detroit, MI; Dan DeRose (6-1, 218) Pueblo, CO; Scott Hardison (6-4, 218) Pomona, CA; Terry Irvin (6-2, 195) Los Angeles, CA.

IOWA STATE

QUARTERBACKS—Allan Stephenson (6-2, 195, 4.7) Durham, NC (Juco); David Worsham (6-2, 195, 4.7) San Antonio, TX (Juco); Brian Nunez (6-3, 205) Kansas City, MO; Scott Williams (6-5, 195) Urbandale, IA.

BACKS—Dwayne Crutchfield (6-2, 230) Cincinnati, OH (Juco); Darren Longshore (6-2, 190) Masillon, OH (Juco); Terron Rogers (6-2, 205) Chicago, IL (Juco); Tony Carlson (5-11, 195) Roland, IA; Scott Fritz (6-5, 190) Pottsville, IA; Kelly Goodburn (6-2, 185) Correctionville, IA; Michael Ingram (5-11, 190) Chicago, IL; Michael Wade (5-10, 180) North Chicago, IL.

LINEMEN—Mark Angillotti (6-4, 220) Elk Grove, IL (Juco); Mike Jensen (6-3, 245, 5.0) Manhattan, KS (Juco); Walt Schneiter (6-3, 250) Wilmington, IL (Juco); Brad Abbas (6-3, 235) Hampton, IA; Brad Dupree (6-4, 250) Ulysses, KS; Mark Lichtenberg (6-2, 253) Schaller, IA; Steve Little (6-5, 250) Peoria, IL; Scott McKillip (6-5, 240) Atalissa, IA; J. P. Morgan (6-7, 235) Osceola, IA; Ben Musgrave (6-5, 245) Missouri Valley, IA; Mike Shindelar (6-4, 230) Hudson, IA; Thaddeus Watkins (6-3, 245) Chicago, IL; Wes Winnekins (6-3½, 240) Freeport, IL; Roger Raydeck (6-6, 260) Grand Rapids, MI (Juco).

LINEBACKERS—Al Christian (6-4, 215) Story City, IA; Steve DeVries (6-3½, 215) Sgt. Bluff, IA; Doug Fletcher (6-1, 200) Canton, OH; Kurt Jones (6-2, 215) Council Bluffs, IA; Paul Sherod (6-4, 210) West Des Moines, IA; Chris Washington (6-3, 205) Chicago, IL.

RECEIVERS—Tim Copeland (6-3, 185, 4.6) Willingsboro, NJ (Juco); Doug Allen (6-6, 215) Urbandale, IA; Brett Blaney (6-5, 210) Prospect Heights, IL; Jim Laska (6-3, 185) Franklin, WI; Dave Smoldt (6-4, 225) Grundy Center, IA; George Walker (6-3, 195) Chicago, IL.

OKLAHOMA

QUARTERBACKS—Ricki Byars (5-9, 180) LaPorte, TX; Jim Rockford (5-10, 160) Springfield, IL.

BACKS—Allen Anderson (6-0, 180) San Bernadino, CA; Brown Delozier (5-11, 178) Garland, TX; Dwight Drane (6-1, 195) Miami, FL; Brian Hall (6-2, 190) Houston, TX; Jerome Ledbetter (5-10½, 187) Muskogee, OK; Louis Polk (5-11, 180) Denison, TX; George Rhymes (6-3, 195) Miami, FL; Mark Royster (6-2, 170) Wichita, KS; Miguel Samuels (5-11, 179) Lawton, OK; Barrion Walker (5-11, 180) LaPorte, TX; Allen Ward (6-2, 197) Bellville, TX; Darrell Weddington (5-10, 175) Temple, TX.

ENDS—Rick Bryan (6-4½, 230) Broken Arrow, OK; Tim Randolph (6-3, 230) Midwest City, OK.

LINEMEN—Brent Burks (6-7, 235) Talala, OK; David Dillingham (6-5, 220) Tulsa, OK; Sidney Dodd (6-6, 268) Los Angeles, CA; Troy Fields (6-4, 225) Miami, FL; Tommy Flemons (6-3, 220) Altus, OK; Eric Pope (6-2, 255) Seminole, OK; Terry Summers (6-2, 230) Ada, OK; Chuck Thomas (6-3, 230) Houston, TX; Philip Thurman (6-3½, 230) Sherman, TX; Danny Wilson (6-0, 225) Sherman, TX; Orlando Flanagan (6-2, 204) Compton, CA (Juco); Rocky Hubble (6-5, 237) Medina, TX (Juco); John McLamb (6-1,220) Washington, DC (Juco).

LINEBACKERS—Thomas Benson (6-2, 190) Ardmore, OK; Scott Newland (6-2, 196) Jenks, OK; Jackie Shipp (6-3, 195) Stillwater, OK; John Truitt (6-3, 205) Carson, CA.

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JUCO MIDLANDS ANALYSIS

Pinpointing who will be the most highly sought after Junior College transfers next January. In a sense these are the firemen who arrive in the late innings to fill a graduation loss and help solidify a possible contender.

By LANNIE JULIAS

DEFENDING CO-NATIONAL CHAMPION Ellsworth of the Iowa Junior College Conference and Kansas powers, Coffeyville, Cowley County and Garden City all have national and conference title aspirations as we enter the 1980 Junior College football season.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth, 10-0 in 1979, has won their league title 3 of the last 4 years and in 1976 were N.J.C.A.A. undisputed National Champions. Last season they defeated Cowley 55 to 28 in the Coca Cola Bowl in Cedar Falls and could be even stronger this fall.

Coach Vern Thompsen's club will be lead by returning fullback Tony Green, an honorable mention All-American in 1979. The 5-11, 230 former prep star from Detroit teams in the backfield with fellow sophomore Frank Jacobs (5-11, 220) to give Ellsworth one of the strongest one-two punches in the nation. Besides these two fullbacks, other returning offensive starters include tight end Daryl Goosby (6-5, 220), guard Steve Stranahan (6-2½, 240) and tackle Paul Fairchild (6-4, 240). Wide outs Brian Smith and Robert Meyers are also returning starters and both have 4.6 speed in the 40.

Battling for signal calling honors will be 1979 backup Todd Stout from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and new recruit Tony Freeman (5-9, 170) out of Warren, Ohio. Other newcomers expected to help in the backfield include ball carriers Bill Glass, a massive 6-3, 255 fullback out of Portage, Pennsylvania and tailback Bill Grady from Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

Joining Stranahan, Goosby and Fairchild in the line will be Scott Mayberry, a 6-3, 220 pounder who starred at center in 1978 and Roger Chambers, a 6-4, 290 pounder from Washington, D. C. who lettered as a backup last fall. Chamber's competition at the other tackle slot will come from Iowa State transfer Gary Collings (6-5, 240) and new freshman Jim Branson (6-5, 240), Dan Korff (6-4, 250) and Al Schmidt (6-4, 250), all IOWA high school products.

Nose guard Jimmie James, a 6-2, 220 pounder from Cleveland, Ohio and defensive end Julius Holt (6-3, 240) from Washington, D. C. are returning defensive starters, as are Dave Suarez (6-2, 250) from St. Louis and Jeff Fleming, a 6-5, 240 pounder. Linebacker James Lock, 6-2, 210 from Washington, D. C. started at times last season.

IOWA CENTRAL

Iowa Central could give Ellsworth its toughest competition within the league. Coach Paul Shupe's team was 8-2 in 1979. Central returns 11 starters from last season, including the entire offensive line. Shupe will have to find adequate replacements at the wide receiver and running back posts, however.

Returners include tackle Junior Bonus (6-4, 227) and Jim Murray (6-1, 260). Others returning in the offensive line include guards Pat Taggard and Dan Jones, a couple of 220 pounders, plus Tom Horseman, the tight end from Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Horseman (6-2, 230) will be one of the top players at his position in the junior college ranks. 1979 starters Joel Zeller (5-11, 175), and Dave Bobman (6-1, 212) return at quarterback and fullback, respectively.

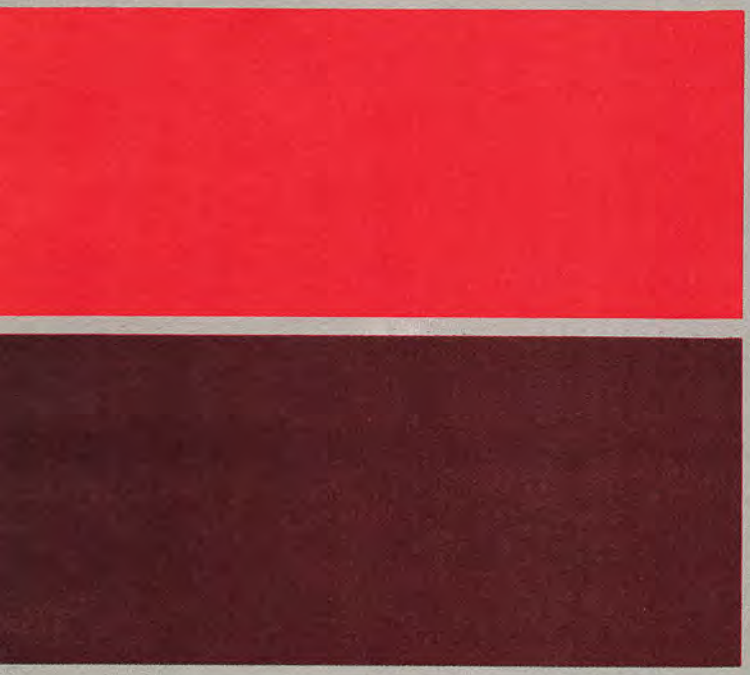
Defensive starters include Chris Pack (6-4, 260) at tackle from Akron, Ohio and nose guard Dan Brown (6-1, 250). Pack, a former All-Stater from Hoban High School and holdover linebacker Mike Jorjeson made many stops last year. The secondary will be led by Jeff Fleckenstein.

Three four-year transfers are expected to help, they include tackle Bob Norris (6-5, 265) from Eastern Illinois and Jim Montague (6-4, 260) from Illinois State. The third, running back Bill Dolan (6-2, 190) comes in from Northwest Missouri and will challenge lettermen Curtis Edwards (5-11, 185) and Bruce Botgren (6-1, 190) for the starting tailback position.

NORTH IOWA

North Iowa Area Community College hopes to improve this season. Coach Jerry Dunbar returns 13 starters. Massilon Ohio (Washington) product Pete Killins, a 5-11, 175 cornerback with 4.7 speed, leads the defensive returnees along with tackles Chuck Harris (6-3, 252) from Galen, Illinois and Al Hagen (6-2, 245) from Lake Mills, Iowa.

Mississippi product Dan Copeland (6-1, 205) is the top returning ball carrier and wide receiver starters for the second year include Jeff Eichenberger (6-1, 170) a 9.9 sprinter



from Turkey Valley, Iowa and Darrell Goree, 6-1, 180 (4.65) from Inster, Michigan. Top recruits include offensive tackle Jeff Ward of Salem, Mich. and Mike Donovan of Iowa City.

IOWA LAKES

Iowa Lakes will return close to 30 men from last season's club and it is hoped that new recruits will give the club more speed than that of a year ago.

1979 Tri-Kansas Conference Champions Coffeyville, Cowley County and Garden City seem to be the teams to beat in the Jayhawk Conference.

COFFEYVILLE

Coach Dick Foster of Coffeyville feels that he will have his strongest team ever. The Red Ravens will return 12 starters from last year's Rodeo Bowl team. All-American candidate Joe Holder (6-2, 207) at quarterback will lead the offense once again. Last season the Kansas City O'Hara sophomore passed for 1,190 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also added 122 more yards on the ground and scored three times. He will throw to Scott Chalene (6-1, 190), a 4.5 wideout from Shawnee Mission, West, who caught 11 for 196 yards and three TDs last fall. Also on the end of Holder's passes will be another returnee, Jay Bake (6-0, 180) who caught eight passes for 207 yards.

Key returnee in the offensive line is center Skip Foster (5-11, 228), the coach's son who had a great 'frosh' year and played an average of 65 plays per game. Other returnees include starting guards Mark Zeller (6-1, 215) and Kevin Hooper (6-2, 218), two Shawnee Mission, Kansas products.

Tight end Melvin McNeeley (6-3, 215) from Kansas City, Wyandotte, was the starter last fall as was fullback Greg Iseman, a 6-1, 203 pounder who lugged the ball 88 times for 428 yards and two touchdowns. They both return.

Defensive starters include tackles David Orvis (6-1, 265) from Valley Center, Kansas, linebacker Ricky Geison and defensive backs Brad Neider and Larry Smith, both in the 6 foot, 180 pound range, each running the 40 in 4.6.

Top recruits include running backs Brien Smith (6-0, 180) from Parkersburg, West Virginia and Ronnie Graham (6-1, 185) with a 4.5 40 from Wymar High School in Wynne,

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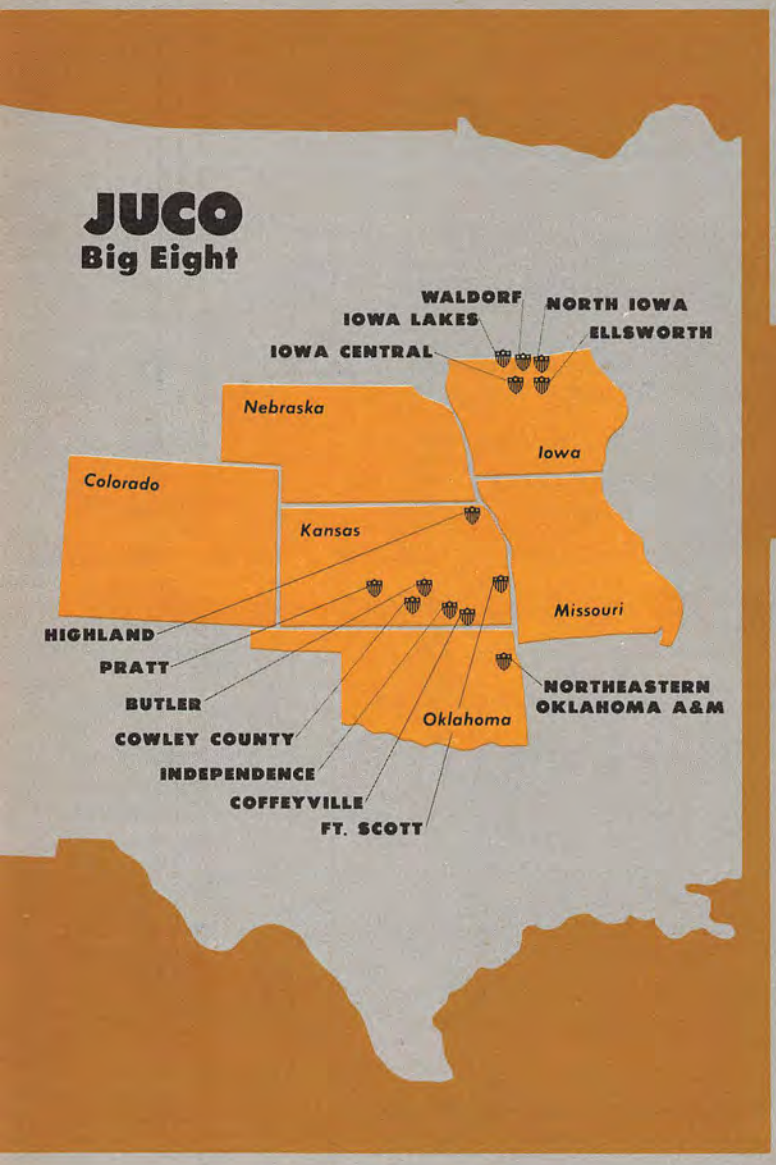
OFFENSIVE PERFORMERS

QB	Keith Bonney, 6-1, 175, 4.6	Cowley County
QB	Joe Holder, 6-2, 207, 4.8	Coffeyville
RB	Tim McCray, 6-1, 185, 4.5	Independence
RB	Braxton Williams, 6-1, 210, 4.55	Butler County
RB	Tony Green, 5-11, 230, 4.7	Ellsworth
RB	Frank Jacobs, 5-11, 220, 4.65	Ellsworth
FB	Ernie Goolsby, 6-2, 225, 4.7	Dodge City
RB	Rufus Hicks, 5-9, 170, 4.5	Pratt
WR	Brien Smith, 5-10, 170, 4.6	Ellsworth
WR	Scott Chalene, 6-1, 180, 4.5	Coffeyville
WR	Jay Baker, 6-0, 180, 4.65	Coffeyville
TE	Tim Horsemen, 6-2, 225, 4.8	Iowa Central
TE	Darryl Goosby, 6-5, 225, 4.8	Ellsworth
TE	Mitch Bryan, 6-5, 225, 4.8	N.E. Oklahoma
TE	J.D. Johnson, 6-4, 225, 4.7	Butler County
C	Skip Foster, 5-11, 228, 5.0	Coffeyville
OG	Steve Stranahan, 6-2½, 240, 4.9	Ellsworth
OG	Steve Hogue, 6-2, 245, 4.9	N.E. OKlahoma
OG	Junior Bonus, 6-4, 227, 4.9	Iowa Central
OG	John Hein, 6-2, 234, 4.9	Cowley County
T	Jim Lamb, 6-4, 260, 5.1	Independence
T	John Field, 6-4, 247, 5.1	Dodge City
T	Clyde Johnson	Pratt

DEFENSIVE PERFORMERS

OLB	LeRoy Shepherd, 6-5, 235, 4.7	Garden City
OLB	Mike Ballard, 6-3, 215, 4.8	N.E. Oklahoma
OLB	Mike Reefe, 6-3, 220, 4.8	N.E. Oklahoma
ILB	Mike Jorgeson, 6-1, 210, 4.9	Iowa Central
ILB	Jeff Woodruff, 6-1½, 215, 4.8	Hutchinson
ILB	Johnny Rembert, 6-4, 221, 4.7	Cowley County
ILB	Clyde Dumas, 6-3, 205, 4.7	Ft. Scott
DT	Ron Roddy, 6-7, 245, 4.8	Cowley County
DT	Julias Holt, 6-3, 240, 4.8	Ellsworth
DT	Isaiah West, 6-3, 222, 4.8	Cowley County
DT	David Orvis, 6-1, 265, 5.0	Coffeyville
DT	Chuck Harris, 6-3,252, 4.85	Northern Iowa
DT	Chris Pack, 6-4, 260, 5.0	Iowa Central
DT	Allen Cannon, 6-4, 244, 5.0	Dodge City
NG	Dave Browne, 6-1, 252, 4.8	Iowa Central
NG	Jimmie James, 6-2, 220, 4.7	Ellsworth
CB	Sam Suggs, 5-9, 180, 4.6	Butler County
CB	Pete Killins, 5-11, 175, 4.7	Northern Iowa
S	Rick Fishback, 6-0, 200, 4.65	N.E. Oklahoma
S	Larry Swart, 5-11, 170, 4.6	Cowley County



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Arkansas. Fullback recruits are Norman Goins (6-2, 212) out of Harrisburg, Virginia and Rickey Coley (6-2, 216) from Flint (Michigan) Northwestern. Both run a 4.7 40 and will challenge Iseman for his job. Top line recruits include Atlanta, Ga. (Harper) noseguard Fred Griggs, who is 6-4 and 220 pounds.

COWLEY COUNTY

In two short years Jerry Boyce and his staff have taken the Cowley County Community College football program from the league doormat to the league championship. Boyce took a program that had a four-year record of 2-38, to two back-to-back winning seasons. But the continued success of any program depends on how well its staff recruits. Recruiting has been strongly emphasized around the Cowley campus for the past six months and the results have been positive.

"We are extremely pleased with our signees this year," remarked Boyce. "We have emphasized quality rather than quantity and appear to have the best crop of signees since I've been here." Still, Boyce is quick to add, "Their paperwork is impressive, but the proof still lies between the white lines starting in August."

Most impressive among the new recruits seems to be Ron Roddy from St. Louis, Mercy High School. Roddy, 6-7 and 240 pounds, will play in the defensive line for Boyce.

However, the Tigers 1980 hopes hinge on two returning All-American players. They are Keith Bonney, a durable 6-1, 188 pound quarterback from Bartow, Florida, who led the K.J.C.C.C. in passing last year and linebacker Johnny Rembert, another Floridian.

Coach Boyce proclaimed, "Keith and Johnny are fine leaders and great competitors. They will give us the solid leadership we need to continue a strong program."

Other top returnees include second team All-Conference offensive guard John Hein (6-2, 234) from Wichita, Kansas; Kasey Case, a tough fullback from Marion, Kansas; and defensive end Isaiah West, a 6-3, 222 pounder from Chicago, Illinois. All-Conference free safety Larry Swart from Wichita leads the secondary.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City coach Ray Sewalt will have another strong team. Coach Sewalt loses four All-Americans from last season's nationally ranked team. However, he will be bolstered by an outstanding recruiting year. Top newcomers include Leroy Shepherd (6-5, 235), a linebacker from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and defensive tackle Byron Jones (6-5, 240) out of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County coach Fain Henson has done a remarkable job in bringing stability to the El Dorado school. Butler will return 13 starters including fullback Braxton Williams, a 6-1, 210 pounder who gained 1,163 yards in 1979. Other top offensive returnees include tight end J. D. Johnson (6-4, 225) from Morgan Park High in Chicago, Illinois and wide receivers Greg Neal and David Doyle. Cornerback Sam Suggs and noseguard Lee Stevenson (6-0, 240) lead six returning starters on the defensive unit.

PRATT

Pratt coach Charlie Divitto returns 11 starters and also adds four-year transfer offensive tackles Greg Preble (6-5, 275) from Kansas and John Watts (6-4, 270) from Arkansas Tech. Clyde Johnson (6-4, 265) another offensive tackle, leads eight holdover starters on this unit. Coach Divitto feels that, "We should be a stronger team on offense than a year ago."

Bennie Kiefer (6-4, 215) leads the defensive team. Top recruits for Pratt include sprinter running backs Tom Townsend (5-9, 170) from Chattanooga, Tennessee and Rufus Hicks (5-9, 170) from Robbins, Illinois. Hicks has run 9.6 in the 100-yard dash, while Townsend has recorded a 9.5.

FORT SCOTT

Jim Lentz, head football coach at Fort Scott, will return a solid nucleus that includes linebacker Clyde Dumas (6-3, 205) and 4.6 in the 40. Another top defensive player is tackle Scott Erickson, a 6-3, 220 pounder (4.8) from Perry, Kansas. Dumas hails from Elgin, Illinois. Mike Chouteau (6-2, 205) at defensive end is also a returning starter.

Running backs Alonzo Bolden (5-9, 180) from Memphis,

Tennessee and Dennis Walker started at times during the 1979 season and will lead the offense. Bolden can fly and has clocked many 4.5 40's.

HUTCHISON

Moe Cotter, second year coach at Hutchison continues on his building program. Cotter was one of the most successful coaches in Kansas conference history during his tenure at Garden City. It is only a matter of time before Hutchinson will be a contender once again. Linebacker Jeff Woodruff (6-1, 215) leads 9 returning lettermen.

DODGE CITY

Dodge City coach Jerry Cullen, like Hutchinson's Moe Cotter, is in his second year of building. He returns 23 sophomores, led by offensive tackle John Field (6-4, 247) and fullback Ernie Goolsby (6-2, 225) who has clocked a 4.7 40.

His defense will be led by linebackers Tracy Kizer (6-3, 220) and smaller but faster Bill Keeley, who is 6-0 and 203 pounds.

INDEPENDENCE

Independence's coach Roger Teising looks toward 1980 with a lot of enthusiasm for there have been many improvements in the program since the end of last season, including two new full time assistant coaches. His club will be led by Georgia import Tim McCray (6-1, 185) one of the top running backs in the nation and offensive tackle Jim Lamb from Michigan. Both made the All-Conference team last fall.

HIGHLANDS

Highlands (Kansas) and Northeastern Oklahoma round out the list of community colleges in the Midlands. They are independents. Highlands will have practically a new team because former coach Charles Carrender has moved on to Drake University, where he has become an assistant.

NORTHEASTERN

Northeastern, long a juco power and 8 and 2 in 1979, should be strong again. Mitch Bryan (6-5, 225) tight end leads the offense which includes two-way linemen Steve Hogue, David Pearson and Mike Furnas. Lancie Jones (6-0, 205), a wide receiver with 4.6 speed in the 40, could be the offensive star.

Other key lettermen are defensive end Mike Ballard (6-3, 210) and Mike Reece (6-3, 220). Rick Fishback from Memphis, Tennessee, appears to be the best returning defensive back. The Norsemen will be nationally rated again and Coach Glen Wolfe is one of the best in the business.

In Ellsworth, Coffeyville, Garden City, Cowley County and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, the National Junior College Athletic Association will field five of the best football teams in the country. All will be strong contenders for the national title and post-season bowl bids. On these pages are offensive and defensive listings of the top four-year college prospects currently attending community colleges in Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma.

WE EXPECTED A MIRACLE!

Notice anything out of the ordinary about *THE BIG EIGHT* this year? Go ahead, size it up! Compare it to last year or whatever else you turn to for authority.

Obviously, there's more color this year. With an incomparable talent like Rich Clarkson, who is always given the Olympic assignment by Time-Life, Inc., it's an injustice not to devote more of the magazine to re-living the "breath-taking moments" of Big 8 combat. This will become an annual feature, too long overdue. "So you think you want to play Big 8 football?!"

The "Midlands JUCO Analysis" should be more valuable this year by pin-pointing who will be the most highly recruited prospects next January. In a sense, these are the "firemen" who are brought into the game in the late innings to relieve a graduation loss or fill a position gap in recruiting.

The thoroughness of this feature is due to the phenomenal information source now available through the Blue Chip Bureau. The Football Coaches Advisory Board of the Bureau alone represents the collective wisdom of the top 132 recruiters nationally. Virtually every Division I university has a member. The Bureau also represents over 160 sports writers as well as an impressive college board of basketball and wrestling coaches. It's become an institution in one short year.

Lannie Julias seemed the logical author of this analysis, because he is one of the most active recruiters in the country, while spearheading a progressive program under Chuck Fairbanks at Colorado. It was Julias who was the inspiration behind extending *THE BLUE CHIP* coverage to the junior colleges in order to present the total picture of recruiting. One thing I have to say about Lannie Julias. He will earn your respect with inexhaustible effort and the knowledge and judgement which come from a commitment "to know".

Those who have followed the "Schoolboy Super Stars" from its inception 9 years ago, have no doubt deduced with horror the absence of this exclusive feature on Big 8 high school recruiting. Two reasons dictated that it be published elsewhere. College recruiters evaluate prospects in the late spring -- usually after the spring game. This input becomes more comprehensive and more accurate in June. Earlier ON—SALE dates made it more advisable to delay and publish a separate edition after the Blue Chips Bureau has made its preliminary national evaluation. National comparisons will lend a meaningful dimension to an athlete's ultimate potential. Worth the wait! And it should get better each year, since it has more flexibility for expansion. The true information buff will appreciate the improvement in thoroughness and the more exclusive nature of this service. Simply return the enclosed card on page 66 and look for it in the mail in about three weeks. . . FREE OF CHARGE !

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It has always seemed an impossibility to me to orchestrate and mold all of the information so it can be dispatched to the printer by mid-May. Surely we would have to sacrifice the content or comprehensive evaluations which cannot be determined until after the spring games! Most national publications, that purport to provide a thorough pre-season analysis, are pulled together before these games and are simply not informed. With four of the eight schools in the Big 8 scheduling this final spring evaluation on May 3, that made our press deadline a scant 11 days away -- a full month sooner than last year! Miracles you say? There were those who gave the filly a better chance in Kentucky. A what about sacrificing quality? We'll let you be the judge of that. Perhaps we don't rely enough on miracles these days!

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NEBRASKA

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Schleusener and offensive tackle Dan Hurley are scholarship athletes with the best chances for individual conference honors.

Linebacker Brent Williams experienced a disappointing spring, but he's another potentially great player with All-Big Eight possibilities. Defensive tackle Henry Waechter fits into the same category.

"Without walk-ons, we'd be a very average football team," understates Osborne. "We've always had a reputation for walk-ons, but I don't think there's ever been a year when it's been so dramatic. Our top four defensive ends and our top four cornerbacks are walk-ons. So are our top three split ends and our top two wingbacks."

In most programs, such facts would be a sign of weakness. It remains to be seen if the Huskers will nosedive again at the end of the season after flirting with a national championship like they have the past two seasons.

But no one is asking for an extra box of Kleenex or the nearest shoulder to cry on, especially since Osborne is calling this team his fastest, strongest ever.

The Huskers also have the best conference home schedule in the Big Eight this fall, getting Oklahoma, Missouri and Oklahoma State, their foremost challengers, in Lincoln.

Osborne isn't expecting to go into those wars without proper weapons. After four weeks of trying to fill in the blanks during spring practice, he rated the Huskers' offensive backfield, secondary and defensive ends as outstanding.

He rated the quarterbacking, receiving, defensive line, linebacking and kicking game as very good. The offensive line was rated good, with a chance to become very good.

Defensively, the Huskers expected to be stingier than the grinch who stole Christmas, even though the interior repair work was major. Offensively, spring performance exceeded expectations. The big question mark disappeared into a period with hopes of becoming an exclamation point.

The prospects for that seem to rest on Jeff Quinn (6-3, 206, :04.8), the quarterback who would like to make his senior season infinitely more memorable than his injury-plagued, considerably bench-ridden junior season.

Fan confidence in Quinn's passing plunged almost as low as a paddleball game against the curb following season-ending losses to Oklahoma and Houston. But his performance during the spring, after ankle surgery, sent the coaches' applause meter soaring.

"The last two weeks of spring, Jeff Quinn looked like a million bucks out there. The difference between last year and this year is the difference between night and day," said offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

"To me," said fellow offensive line coach Clete Fischer, "Quinn looks better than what we've had since Vince Ferragamo."

"He's a helluva lot better quarterback than he was last year...a helluva lot better," offered offensive backfield coach Mike Corgan. "Last year, he was a jittery, nervous young kid. He acts like he knows what's going on now. I hope he performs in front of 76,000 the same way he performed in front of 20,000 at the spring game."

Osborne can't help but think competition pushed Quinn to greater heights during the spring. Every time Quinn looked over his shoulder, he saw someone coming. Mark Mauer (6-1, 191, :04.9) and Nate Nelson (6-1, 185, :04.5) were impressive in the spring and are waiting for opportunity to knock, Mason seems to possess the same kind of abilities as Terry Elston, Houston's quick quarterback who sliced Nebraska's defense in the Cotton Bowl.

Bruce Mathison and Steve Michaelson, two more quarterback candidates, had their moments during spring practice, too.

Quinn, however, showed poise on his pitches and much more precision in his arm to survive the challenges. "He's our quarterback, unless something drastic happens," Osborne said. "He's improved enough that maybe he'll even challenge for All-Big Eight. I hope so."

One thing is certain. Quinn will have great backs operating behind him. Osborne thinks Andra Franklin (5-10, 228, :04.7) is the best fullback Nebraska's ever had. Jarvis Redwine (5-11, 204, :04.4) is the fastest I-back ever to wear a Husker uniform. And he was running No. 2 behind Craig Johnson (6-1, 196, :04.6) after three weeks of spring drills.

"I've been coaching the backs 19 years and I don't like to compare them," Corgan said. "But, Andra and Jarvis are damn good ones. I expect both will make it in the pros. They better plan on great senior seasons first, though."

Franklin's 1979 statistics (583 yards and a 5.3 per carry average) don't reflect his consistency or tenacity. "He really had a good spring," Corgan said. "He's cut his mistakes down. He hits people every time. He's the boss now in almost any situation he encounters. He thinks like that and he plays like that."

Redwine rushed for 1,100 yards and a 6.7 per carry average last year to become the Big Eight Newcomer of the Year. He scored 10 touchdowns and was the talk of the league until Missouri's Norman Goodman made what Nebraskans believe was a deliberate hit on Redwine's knee.

"He never got over 85 percent the rest of the year," Corgan said. "I was glad to see him back to 100 percent this spring. He started pretty slow because he wasn't doing what he's supposed to do--break long runs. But he ended up all right. I think he's even running better inside."

If Redwine doesn't, Johnson will. "Craig doesn't have any hey-diddle-diddle fancy stuff. But he'll get his blocking done, get the yards you need and get you in the end zone. He proved that against Iowa and Missouri last year."

Last year, Johnson rushed for 544 yards and a 5.6 per carry average.

Nebraska's 1-2 punch at I-back could turn into 1-2-3 this fall with the progress shown by freshman Roger Craigg (6-2, 204, :04.6) during the spring.

Franklin's backup at fullback is the same one as last year, Jim Kotera. "He's too small, but he's a good technician," Corgan said. "He can read and run a trap up the middle better than any back we have."

Osborne not only expects yards to be gulped up on the ground with the usual eficiency, he's also expecting improvement in the passing game--even though the Huskers no longer have first-round draft choice Junior Miller, third-rounder Tim Smith or 10th-rounder Kenny Brown.

Their replacements are Jeff Finn (6-6, 230, :04.9) at tight end, Todd Brown (6-1, 167, :04.5) at split end and Slick Steels (5-9, 195, :04.6) at wingback. Finn and Steels combined for only 12 catches last year and Brown, a sophomore, will be playing his first down of varsity football against Utah.

The credentials aren't earth-shattering, but the promise is there. Tight end-wingback coach Gene Huey and first-year split end coach Jerry Pettibone are enthused about the progress.

None may be a great athlete like Miller, but there's talent, enthusiasm and competition.

Steve Davies (6-3, 235, :04.8) and Jamie Williams (6-5, 220, :04.6) pushed Finn hard all spring. Davies and Finn even flip-flopped on the weekly depth charts. "Davies liked the smell of that mountain air," Huey said. "He had a great spring. Finn and Davies may not strike that much fear into people now, but they will. They'll make each other better."

Tim McCrady (5-9, 172, :04.7) should make Steels better at wingback, too. "They're both as good a receiver as Kenny Brown," Huey said. "They can catch the ball in a crowd. Anthony's quicker than Kenny. He has more acceleration. McCrady's like an old

veteran. You can bang him around like a pinball machine and he'll still hang onto the ball."

Brown may have been the most pleasant surprise of all. "I see a lot of Preston Dennard (LA Rams) in Todd Brown," Huey said. "His speed, concentration and desire remind me of Preston when I had him at New Mexico."

The coaches also uncovered some depth at split end during the spring. "We knew Scott Woodard (5-9, 165, :04.5) could play," Pettibone said. "But we didn't know John Noonan (6-2, 189, :04.45) could play like he has. He came on fast."

Obviously, the entire attack depends on the reconstruction accomplished up front. Offensive line coaches Fischer and Milt are blessed with only one returning starter, right guard Randy Schleusener (6-7, 242, :04.9).

But, as usual, they found some talented replacements. It's rare for a sophomore to start in Nebraska's offensive line with its complicated line calls. But two are scheduled to open there this fall--center Dave Rimington (6-0, 248, :05.1) and left tackle Randy Theiss (6-5, 257, :05.1).

"We're not overly concerned about that," Tenopir said. "In fact, we're more certain this year than we were at the same time last year because more prople have declared themselves. Most of these kids have been around. There's no question about their physical talent. We may even be a little quicker on our feet than we've been the last two years."

Joe Adams (6-5, 240, :04.8) is the Mark Goodspeed-Dan Steiner of the Nebraska offensive line this year. He's finally moved into the starting lineup as a senior, at left guard.

Dan Hurley (6-3, 263, :05.0), the right tackle, may be the best lineman of the bunch. If nothing else, he's the least intimidated. "He'd take on the Pittsburgh Steelers," Fischer said. "He'd get mad before he'd get intimidated."

Fischer hopes that's the way the rest of his linemen respond. "It's premature to visualize them as the greatest we've ever had," he said. "Sometimes, they look pretty good and other times, they look kind of common. The quarterback will be the biggest determining factor in their success. Those backs we have could make them look pretty good, too."

Two linemen will "swing" in an effort to develop depth. Mike Bruce (6-7, 255, :04.9) is backing up both offensive tackles and Gary England (6-5, 242, :05.0) has been moved from tackle to back up both offensive guards.

A solid kicking game also will fortify Nebraska's offense. Sophomore Kevin Seibel kicked a 47-yard field goal in his only attempt in the spring game. "He probably has a stronger leg than any kicker we've ever had," Osborne said.

Scott Gemar will challenge Seibel for the punting chores. "Gemar's stock went up in the spring game," Osborne said. "If he kicks like that (43-yard average), he'll be our punter."

Defensively, Nebraska's secondary is stockpiled with nine walk-ons among the top 12 players. And they're all talented, experienced and tough.

"With three of our four starters back, we should be a little quicker and a lot more physical," defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt said of cornerbacks Andy Means (6-0, 187, :04.45) and Ric Lindquist (5-10, 179, :04.5) and safety Russell Gary (5-11, 197, :04.5).

"If Means and Gary stay healthy and don't get beat out," Van Zandt said, "they could wind up in the pros. Means should probably set a record for playing time at Nebraska and Gary is a great athlete who came here as a running back. I guess I'm worried most about quality depth."

Monster is the biggest question mark in the Husker secondary. If Sammy Sims (6-0, 184, :04.6) doesn't develop after missing spring drills with a broken jaw, Van Zandt might move Lindquist to monster and replace him with Rodney Lewis (6-0, 189, :04.4) at cornerback this fall.

Lewis developed rapidly during the spring and joins safety Jeff Krejci (6-0, 175, :04.6) as a player Van Zandt wouldn't hesitate to throw into battle. Sophomore Kris Van Norman (6-1, 191, :04.6), the No. 1 monster in the absence of Sims, may require more seasoning.

Depth is a concern in the secondary, but it's no problem at linebacker. Both starters return for coach John Melton. Strong side back Kim Baker (6-2, 219, :04.7) led the Huskers in tackles last year with 90, including 60 solos. Weakside backer Brent Williams (6-0, 227, :04.7) finished second in tackles with 82, including 49 solos.

"Williams may be All-Big Eight," Melton said. "He's fast, aggressive and smart. Baker had a great spring. He's not flashy, but he's consistent."

Sophomores Steve McWhirter (6-2, 228, :04.8) and Steve Damkroger (6-0, 227, :04.9) also are consistent and they're both stronger than the two ahead of them. "I'll probably alternate my linebackers this year the way Charlie McBride alternated his defensive tackles last year," Melton said. "They're all good. They'll all play. We'll keep 'em fresh."

McBride had that luxury, but he's as thin this year as he was deep last year. During the spring, sophomore Toby Williams (6-4, 244, :04.8) bordered on awesome rather frequently at defensive tackle. "He may be another John Dutton or Mike Fultz," McBride said. "He might be the best athlete we've ever had at defensive tackle. He has the speed to go from sideline to sideline. The problem is, he hasn't played a down of major college football."

Waechter (6-7, 256, :04.8) flashed some of the same kind of promise...and suffers from the same problem, no experience.

If David Clark (6-3, 246, :04.9) doesn't have his back injury solved by fall, McBride's problems will be compounded. Clark was so impressive near the end of last season that he was grading better than defensive tackle teammates Rod Horn and Bill Barnett, both high pro draft choices.

Dave Stromath (6-5, 241, :05.1) improved dramatically during the spring. He could help solve the depth problem at defensive tackle.

Even more critical than that is finding the right man to fill Kerry Weinmaster's shoes at middle guard. Weinmaster had a lock on the position for three years and charged rent for Oudious Lee's frequent bursts of brilliance.

Curt Hineline (6-4, 242, :04.9) the heir apparent, isn't as quick as Weinmaster or as strong as Lee But he has some experience. "It isn't like he'll get into his first game and throw up or something," McBride said, "He can play."

If Hineline falters, Jeff Merrell (6-4, 248, :04.9) is a sophomore with exceptional physical tools waiting to show them off. There's even been some talk about moving Toby Williams to middle guard this fall. Such an experiment, however, would require a healthy Clark.

Whoever gets the job at middle guard won't worry much about what happens on the defensive flanks.

Nelson (6-2, 220, :04.6) and Jimmy Williams (6-3, 216, :04.5) will clash helmets with any back and use their speed to track them down like bounty hunters.

"They ought to be the two best defensive ends in the conference and maybe even the two best in the country-if they play like they're capable of playing," defensive end coach George Darlington said.

"Derrie's like George Andrews," Darlington said. "He comes at you with complete abandon and lowers the boom like a freight train. He's not like a wild man flying around, though. He knows when to explode and when not to explode."

When Williams learns that same control, he could be even better than Nelson. "He's potentially as good as any end we've ever had here...bar none," Darlington said.

And to think, Jimmy Williams is a walk-on. Where would Big Red be without them?

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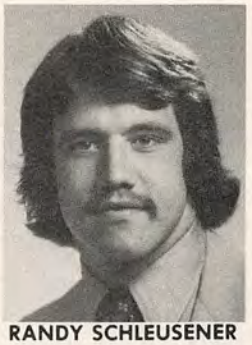

RANDY SCHLEUSENER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
64	Adams, Joe	OG	6-4	239	Sr.	Bellevue, NE
41	Baker, Kim	LB	6-3	213	Sr.	York, NE
43	Bates, Phil	FB	6-2	205	So.	Omaha, NE
23	Bell, Warren	DB	5-9	170	So.	Abbottson, CA
36	Bergkamp, Tim	K	6-1	180	Sr.	Pretty Prairie, KS
85	Bess, Donnie	DE	6-3	214	Jr.	Flat River, MO
4	Bohl, Craig	DB	5-11	181	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
58	Brandt, Matt	OG	6-2	238	So.	Humphrey, NE
29	Brown, Todd	SE	6-1	167	So.	Holdrege, NE
76	Bruce, Mike	OT	6-6	248	Sr.	Omaha, NE
13	Brungardt, Tim	MON	6-0	193	So.	Norfolk, NE
78	Carlstrom, Tom	OT	6-6	264	Jr.	Polk, NE
63	Clark, David	DT	6-3	240	Sr.	Odessa, TX
21	Craig, Roger	RB	6-2	198	So.	Davenport, IA
35	Damkroger, Steve	LB	6-1	235	So.	Lincoln, NE
82	Davies, Steve	TE	6-2	230	Sr.	Murray, UT
52	DeLoach, Trey	OC	6-2	226	Sr.	Papillion, NE
70	England, Clark	OT	6-5	246	Sr.	Salt Lake City, UT
48	Evans, Brent	LB	6-3	220	Jr.	Chesterfield, MO
87	Finn, Jeff	TE	6-5	235	Sr.	Grand Island, NE
26	Fischer, Dan	DB	5-9	174	So.	Lincoln, NE
77	Florell, Randy	LB	6-2	223	Jr.	Holdrege, NE
39	Franklin, Andra	FB	5-10	225	Sr.	Anniston, AL
3	Frazier, Russell	QB	6-2	190	So.	Omaha, NE
9	Gary, Russell	S	6-0	180	Sr.	Minneapolis, MN
93	Gdowski, Tom	DT	6-3	233	So.	Fullerton, NE
51	Glathar, Kurt	OG	6-2	236	So.	Lincoln, NE
16	Hagerman, Mark	K	6-0	175	So.	Ainsworth, NE
84	Hill, Dan	TE	6-3	220	So.	Falls City, NE
59	Hineline, Curt	MG	6-3	226	Jr.	Bellevue, WA
94	Holmes, Daryl	DE	6-2	193	Sr.	Chicago, IL
31	Huebert, Randy	WB	6-0	170	Jr.	Henderson, NE
73	Hurley, Dan	OT	6-3	263	Jr.	Omaha, NE
14	Iodence, Brian	DB	5-10	163	So.	Hemingford, NE
25	Jeffries, Jim	S	6-1	185	Fr.	Grand Island, NE
55	Johnson, Brad	OC	6-3	232	So.	Harvard, NE
30	Johnson, Craig	RB	6-1	180	Sr.	Omaha, NE
74	Keeler, Mike	DT	6-5	250	So.	Omaha, NE
10	Kirk, Donnie	K	6-0	178	Jr.	Shawnee, KS
44	Kotera, Jim	FB	5-11	200	Sr.	Bellevue, NE
2	Krejci, Jeff	S	6-0	172	Jr.	Schuyler, NE
69	Kwapick, Jeff	OT	6-3	242	So.	Circle Pines, MN
27	Landwehr, Randy	RB	6-0	203	Jr.	Dunbar, NE
5	Lewis, Rodney	DB	5-11	187	Jr.	Minneapolis, MN

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28	Liegl, Dave	DB	5-8	167	Sr.	Central City, NE
98	Lindstrom, Dan	DE	6-2	224	Sr.	Oakland, NE
15	Lindquist, Ric	DB	5-10	174	Jr.	Plattsmouth, NE
71	Lingenfelter, Bruce	OG	6-2	220	Jr.	Plainview, NE
67	Lonowski, Jack	DT	6-1	214	Jr.	Stromsburg, NE
68	Mandelko, Mike	OG	6-1	239	So.	Lexington, NE
8	Mason, Nate	QB	6-2	183	So.	Greenville, TX
19	Mathison, Bruce	QB	6-4	201	So.	Superior WI
17	Mauer, Mark	QB	6-1	198	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
24	McCrady, Tim	WB	5-9	171	Sr.	Plainview, NE
54	McElroy, Mike	OC	6-6	210	Jr.	Grand Island, NE
45	McWhirter, Steve	LB	6-2	228	So.	Fairfield, IA
34	Means, Andy	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	Holdrege, NE
51	Merrell, Jeff	MG	6-5	248	So.	Huntsville, AL
18	Michaelson, Steve	QB	6-1	195	Jr.	Raltson, NE
42	Moravec, Mark	FB	6-2	200	So.	David City, NE
92	Nelson, Derrie	DE	6-2	225	Sr.	Fairmont, NE
95	Noonan, John	SE	6-2	187	So.	Omaha, NE
11	Quinn, Jeff	QB	6-2	204	Sr.	Ord, NE
74	Raridon, Scott	OT	6-4	255	So.	Mason City, IA
12	Redwine, Jarvis	RB	6-0	204	Sr.	Ingelwood, CA
56	Rimington, Dave	OC	6-3	248	So.	Omaha, NE
46	Santin, John	LB	6-0	205	So.	Central City, NE
53	Schleusener, Randy	OG	6-6	244	Sr.	Rapid City, SD
37	Searcey, L. G.	LB	6-2	184	Jr.	Wymore, NE
49	Seibel, Kevin	K	6-0	230	So.	Vermillion, SD
7	Simmons, Ricky	WB	5-11	160	So.	Greenville, TX
6	Sims, Sammy	LB	6-0	184	Jr.	Lubbock, TX
81	Spratte, Todd	DE	6-4	224	So.	Rochester, MN
33	Steels, Anthony	WB	5-8	182	Jr.	Sacramento, CA
90	Steinkuhler, Dean	OG	6-3	225	So.	Burr, NE
99	Stromath, Dave	DT	6-4	232	Jr.	Millard, NE
65	Thiess, Randy	OT	6-3	256	So.	St. Louis, MO
61	Van Lent, Bill	DT	6-3	205	So.	Columbus, NE
38	Van Norman, Kris	LB	6-0	191	So.	Minden, NE
75	Waechter, Henry	DT	6-6	243	So.	Epworth, IA
72	Wees, Dennis	LB	6-1	202	So.	Omaha, NE
40	Wilkening, Doug	RB	6-2	210	So.	Littleton, CO
66	Williams, Brent	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
80	Williams, Jamie	TE	6-4	213	So.	Davenport, IA
96	Williams, Jimmy	DE	6-3	215	Jr.	Washington, DC
97	Williams, Toby	DT	6-4	220	So.	Washington, DC
88	Woodard, Scott	SE	5-10	165	Sr.	Papillion, NE

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I. M. must step aside for...

"J. R. SUPERSTAR"

By MIKE BABCOCK, *Lincoln Journal & Star*

YES, VIRGINIA, there is a Jarvis Redwine. He's not a figment of Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne's imagination, and he's not a creation of the Cornhusker sports information office. Redwine really does exist.

He's No. 12 in your game program, the runningback with the quarterback's number, who was selected by both national wire services as Big Eight football's "Newcomer of the Year" for the 1979 season.

He's the guy who led Nebraska in rushing with 1,042 yards on 148 carries, a seven-yards-per-carry average, and came within two votes of Oklahoma's Billy Sims as UPI's conference "Offensive Player of the Year."

Redwine is not Nebraska's version of the "galloping ghost"--it's Red-wine, not Red Grange--though players who have tried to tackle him might convince you he is a rejuvenation of that famed phantom back.

Defenders are left with such an impression because Redwine slips through the line with consummate ease. It's as if he could melt through oak doors and haunt old houses instead of young defenses.

Nebraska football fans have come to expect the impossible from this senior I-back from Inglewood, Calif., with the difficult-to-forget name and a justified reputation for extreme modesty.

Redwine has taken his new-found adulation in the same strides with which he ravages opposing defenses. His bite is much worse than his bark.

"People can make stars of whomever they want. I'm not that talented, and I really mean it. There are a lot of guys who do things better than I can, and sometimes I think it's because of my last name (that fans remember him)--'Redwine' is such an uncommon name for a football player," he says, offering an explanation for his instant fame.

When Redwine transferred to Nebraska from Oregon State, "I couldn't have paid a writer five dollars to put my name in the newspaper."

But now, he's become the most written-about Cornhusker since Johnny Rodgers, who raced up and down the football fields of the Big Eight, winning the Heisman Trophy and helping Nebraska to back-to-back national championships.

"J.R. Superstar" has taken on new meaning in Lincoln.

Even before Redwine played in his first NU varsity game, he was the talk of Big Red Country. That he was the No. 3 I-back at Nebraska heading into fall camp had little or no effect on the throng of fans that swarmed over the artificial surface of Memorial Stadium for the Cornhuskers' annual picture day, just prior to the start of fall practice.

Redwine was the most photographed Cornhusker. His autograph was most in demand, and he was the last player to leave the field and head for the track and his mandatory mile and a half run at the end of the afternoon.

He has a mystique, born of his transfer and the facts surrounding it; he has good size (6-0 and 206 pounds), and, more importantly, he has consistent :04.4 speed for 40 yards.

At the end of the winter conditioning program following his red-shirt season

The transfer who beat out America's most celebrated walkon.

(1978), Redwine covered the 40-yard distance in under :04.4, and the disbelieving Nebraska coaches asked him to run again just to make certain their stopwatches weren't malfunctioning.

After this year's winter training, he produced the same remarkable times despite his having gained 10 pounds since Nebraska's appearance in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

No Cornhusker, not even Rodgers, could run 40 yards that fast, yet here was a walk-on, a player who apparently couldn't play on an Oregon State team which won only four of 23 games in the two seasons he was in Corvallis, running like a "scared rabbit"--Redwine's nickname at Inglewood High School.

"He could really take off when he thought someone was going to catch him; he's a real stepper," said former Inglewood teammate and friend Keith Chappelle, now a wide receiver at Iowa.

Redwine was a defensive back until his senior year in high school. He gained 1,300 yards in that final prep season but still maintains: "Maybe I should have been a receiver or a cornerback. Runningback is kind of a new thing for me; it's not like I've been one all my life."

Redwine was born across the street from the Los Angeles Coliseum, and he grew up within five blocks of that longtime home of the Rams professional football team. But his athletic background isn't limited to football.

He recalls visiting playgrounds with Reggie Theus, another high school chum who now plays in the National Basketball Association for the Chicago Bulls, and shooting baskets instead of running the streets with youth gangs that tried to recruit him.

"We used to make up jars of Kool-Aid and pretend it was the same thing we saw the (Los Angeles) Lakers drinking during timeouts at their games," said Redwine.

He played baseball well enough to draw attention from the Oakland A's, who drafted him out of high school as an outfielder. But "at the time, Oakland only offered me $15-$16,000 (to sign). I thought about the road trips (in the minors) and the rickety motels and figured in the long run, an education would be better," he said.

Because of his potential as a football player, Oregon State, New Mexico, and Oklahoma State were eager to provide Redwine with a scholarship opportunity to get that education.

Terry Miller, the Big Eight's all-time career rushing leader, was Redwine's host on his visit to Oklahoma State. An assistant coach named Gene Huey, now a Nebraska assistant in charge of wingbacks and tight ends, tried to lure him to New Mexico.

Being a Californian, Redwine decided he would stay on the west coast and play in the then-Pacific Eight Conference.

He played at Oregon State as a freshman, starting five games, gaining 259 yards and scoring two touchdowns. The next season, however, Redwine found himself sitting on the bench, and he became so disenchanted he considered giving up football.

Redwine became interested in Nebraska while watching Oklahoma beat the Cornhuskers 38-7 in 1977 on national television. During the one-sided game, he noticed Huey on the Nebraska sideline.

Later, when he decided playing football was more fun than working construction, Redwine decided to call Huey and see if Nebraska would let him walk on. Huey said "sure" if he could get to Lincoln with a signed release from Oregon State.

"It was tough. I was making $8 an hour,and yet I had to get to Lincoln. I'll never forget my round-trip fare here--$288. When it comes out of your own pocket, you don't forget something like that." Redwine said.

Once he arrived, Redwine displayed the skills which would eventually earn him the starting I-back position in the fourth game of the 1979 season.

He drew attention from his Cornhusker teammates for his running with the NU scout squad during the fall of his red-shirt year, and he captured the fans' imagination during the next spring.

In his varsity debut, against Utah State, Redwine gained 91 yards in 10 carries. The next week against Iowa, he rushed 12 times for 89 yards.

When Penn State visited Lincoln in Nebraska's third game, Redwine came off the bench to gain 124 yards in 22 carries and initiate a string of five games in which he gained 100 or more yards.

He didn't slow down until a knee injury, suffered while he was blocking on an extra-point attempt in the Missouri game, snapped his streak and sent him to the sideline.

The knee injury was followed by an ankle sprain, and Redwine never quite regained the form which so captured the fancy of Nebraska fans and frustrated opposing defenders.

"I still think about it," Redwine said of the play on which his knee buckled under the block of Norm Goodman. "That really slowed my progress.

"I just hope this season I can be more fortunate and not have another ordeal like that," he said.

Even with the injury, Redwine was able to become only the 7th Cornhusker in the last 30 years to gain more than 1,000 yards in a season. But that success has no effect on his plans for this season.

"It hasn't made things any different. My attitude isn't going to change; I'm still hungry, and I'm not going to relax," said Redwine.

"I'm not going into the season cocky, like I don't have anything to prove. It's like starting over, and I'd like to put it all together for one last season," he said.

Nebraska fans would like to see that happen, too, but there's always the image of Redwine going down under Goodman's block to remind them that he's real...and human.

After picking up four yards during an intrasquad scrimmage in spring practice last April, Redwine was swarmed under by the charge of his own teammates. A Cornhusker fan dropped his binoculars in concern and yelled: "Be careful with him."

Yes, there is a Jarvis Redwine.

"Freshman Harvest"

"The best in the Big 8"?

By RANDY YORK, *Lincoln Journal & Star*

IT MAY BE HARD TO COMPARE a recruiting class that hasn't done anything to one that has accomplished everything, but Nebraska recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone has a gut feeling about the 1980 Cornhusker football crop.

"It could be as good a recruiting class as I've every been associated with," Pettibone says, and that includes his seven years of miracle work at Oklahoma.

"On paper," he says, "this could be the same kind of class as the 1974 class at Oklahoma.

"Go ahead, friends, clear your throats. Send the guys in the white coats to haul Pettibone away.

That 1974 OU class cranked Billy Sims and Greg Roberts off the assembly line. It produced Thomas Lott, Kenny King, Daryl Hunt, Victor Hicks, Uwe von Schamann, Phil and Paul Tabor.

"I really shouldn't put that great tag on this class...yet," Pettibone admits. "That's not fair to a high school athlete. But it really is hard to suppress my excitement. I don't think there's one athlete who won't help us. I can't see a washout in the group."

At least six would be blue chips in a high stakes poker game.

Three of those six gushed from the athletic well in Texas that Pettibone promised he'd re-open--quarterback Turner Gill (6-1, 185, :04.6) from Fort Worth, offensive guard Scott McLaughlin (6-3, 250, :05.0) from Houston and offensive lineman Mark Behning (6-6½, 265, :05.0) from Denton.

The other three are wide receiver Scott Kimball (6-1, 180, :04.5) from Camarillo, Calif., running back Jeff Smith (5-10, 180, :04.6) from Wichita, Kan., and Bill Weber (6-2, 202, :04.7), a defensive end from Southeast High School in Lincoln.

Kimball is given the best chance of the freshman recruits to compete immediately with the varsity. He was given that rare impression by Nebraska during his recruitment and it may have been a factor in his decision not to follow brother Bobby at Oklahoma.

Bobby was a starting split end for the Sooners in 1978 before making the Green Bay Packers last season as a free agent rookie.

When Scott Kimball snagged 62 passes for 987 yards and 10 touchdowns last fall. Oklahoma joined Nebraska, UCLA and Arizona in the bidding for his services.

Family ties didn't hurt Oklahoma. They just helped Nebraska. Kimball's father is an NU graduate.

Family ties also helped unlock Behning's heart. The Texan visited Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas and turned down visits to USC, Alabama, Notre Dame, Houston and Arizona State.

Behning's father isn't an NU graduate, but he played high school football under Bob Devaney in Alpina, Mich. At Denton, Behning made all-district, all-metro (Dallas), all-area and all-state. Behning was a tackle in high school. After losing Mike Reuther to Texas, Nebraska has decided to convert Behning to center.

McLaughlin was just as hot a prospect. He was one of 15 athletes on the Texas 'Blue Chip' list. Naturally, the Longhorns wanted him. They had their eyes on him when he was one of only two junior starters on Houston Stratford's 15-0 Texas 4-A championship team. His :04.9 speed also attracted the attention of Arkansas and Colorado, but his choice was clearcut...Nebraska all the way.

The same cannot be said of Fort Worth's Gill, Nebraska's No. 1 recruting catch along with Smith.

Gill has a rifle arm, mercury feet, is a solid student and a proven winner. Nebraska coaches consider him a franchise player. His high school coach would bet money on his becoming an All-American.

"I coached Tony Franklin (Philadelphia Eagles) and Mike Renfro (Dallas Cowboys) in high school and Turner Gill is just as good a quarterback as Franklin is a kicker and Renfro is a receiver," offers Merlin Priddy, head coach at Fort Worth's Arlington Heights High School for the past 12 years.

Gill led his school to 31 wins in 35 games in three years as a starter. Last season, he hit better than 60 percent of his passes for 1,846 yards and rushed for 814 more.

That combination suits Nebraska's offense better than that of Oklahoma, which still recruited him aggressively. Texas also offered Gill, a shortstop in baseball with professional credentials, a scholarship. Gill thought about visiting USC, Michigan and Ohio State, but knew he'd be wasting his time.

The battle was between Oklahoma and Nebraska. Two days before Big Eight letter of intent day, Gill decided he was going to become a Sooner. The next day, he changed his mind and Nebraska acted like an overprotective parent until he signed.

Trying to ward off any last-minute Oklahoma influence was almost as funny as the game California running back Kerwin Bell tried to play with Nebraska until an agreement was reached with Wichita's Smith.

While Bell wavered, the Huskers said they'd beg off him...if Smith would beg off Oklahoma and Arkansas. UCLA, Missouri and Kansas State also made offers to Smith, who led his Southeast High School team to 32 wins and 2 losses while rushing for 3,076 yards and a 7.9 yard career per carry average.

"Watching films of Jeff Smith," Pettibone says, "reminds me of watching Joe Washington. He has the same kind of running ability, the same kind of quick feet, the same ability to jump around a block and that uncanny sense to run back kicks. He's like Johnny Rodgers. He seems to have eyes in the back of his head."

Weber may not have that kind of flair, but he's a 10 on the modern scale of evaluation. If he didn't live in Lincoln, his doorstep would have been much busier.

"He's a player," Pettibone says.

So, for that matter, are at least three other in-state Husker recruits--offensive lineman Mark Traynowicz (6-6, 240, :05.1) from Bellevue, defensive tackle Rob Stuckey (6-3, 230, :04.9) from Lexington and defensive back Bret Clark (6-3, 190, :04.6) from Nebraska City.

The Huskers awarded 25 scholarships, 11 to in-state athletes. The rest were saved to accomodate Nebraska's aggressive walkon program.

At least four more out-of-state recruits border on blue chip potential--Brian Kramer (6-5, 240, :05.3) a defensive tackle from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Scott Norberg (5-10½, 170, :04.4), a split end from Tempe, Ariz.; Neil Harris (6-2, 178, :04.6), a defensive back from Kansas City, Kan.; and Mike Rozier (5-11, 202, :04.5), a running back from Camden, N.J.

So far, Ron Bachmann and Anthony Thomas haven't even been mentioned. They're not bad either.

Bachmann is "only" 6-8 and 280. He's a tackle with :04.9 speed. The St. Louis Lindbergh prep All-American also received offers from Ohio State, Michigan, Tennessee, Missouri and Minnesota.

Thomas, an offensive guard from Balboa High School in San Francisco, is just as good as Bachmann and even heavier. He's 6-4, 290 and :05.0 in the 40. Nebraska outbattled Washington for him.

The Huskers also recruited running back Dave Burke (5-11, 190, :04.6), twice Utah's Player of the Year; Irving Fryer (6-0, 187, :04.5), a defensive back from the same Mount Holly, N.J., high school as Franco Harris; and Ricky Green (5-10, 180, :04.4), a running back from Seminole, Texas.

Maybe this recruiting class hasn't done anything in college uniforms yet.

But it's easy to see why Pettibone is so excited.

1980: NEW DECADE, NEW POSSIBILITIES

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nine interceptions) and demoted last year. Fambrough needs a passer to take advantage of Verser ("One of the finest athletes I've ever been around.") and flanker Russ Bastin.

Regardless of passing developments, Fambrough thinks "we will be much improved offensively, because of our running game." Besides Sydney, KU has a fine prospect in Garfield Taylor and recruited one of the nation's most celebrated schoolboys in Kerwin Bell.

Colorado begins Fairbanks' second year with no more offensive weapons than a year ago. After new quarterbacks were injured and disappointing, Fairbanks returned Charlie Davis to the position. Fairbanks would prefer to have Davis' speed at fullback and a better passer at quarterback.

The Buffs, forced to take unusual actions to cope with an ominous deficit, are also bankrupt of talent at most positions. Their No. 1 asset is punter Lance Olander. Linebacker Steve Doolittle is the only established defender. Fairbanks has no choice but to play "more freshmen than a team in this conference should depend on."

Fairbanks believes "12-15 freshmen have a chance to play a lot. They can help ease our critical lack of speed. This freshman class has to be the foundation for the program we intend to build.

"They give us a chance to be better this year. We also should be better organized. But we have less experience and less ability than we had last year. We have a tremendous amount of work to do before we can make much improvement."

Improved organization and staff stability should not be confined to Colorado. After two head coaching changes in 1978 and four last year, there were no changes this year.

"It will be kind of nice not to have to make any introductions at the August kickoff luncheon," Powers said.

Powers would like it even more if the coaches congratulate a new champion when they gather in December. The odds are against it being Powers. But the fact it is considered a possibility suggests a new decade has arrived with new possibilities.

LANCE OLANDER
Colorado

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Interestingly, Oklahoma's five undisputed championships since the streak began in 1972 were achieved when Rod Shoates or George Cumby provided unexcelled linebacking. In 1975, when the Sooners had everything except a superior linebacker, they only shared the championship. In 1976, when they did not hae either a prolific runner or a star at linebacker, they lost two conference games, were fortunate to salvage a piece of the title and failed to win 10 games for the only time since 1970.

This year smacks of 1976 (when Sims was injured). But there are two differences of opposite effect.

"J. C. Watts gives us a chance to be better than we were in '76," Switzer said. "We did not have an experienced quarterback in '76. But, we knew our inexperienced players had the potential to be stars. I don't see that this year.

"Overstreet is a good back and we are going to give him the ball more than he had it last year (56 times for 277 yards). But we probably won't force the ball on anyone, like we did with Sims.

"We won't run as many predetermined plays. We will probably run more triple option and take whatever the defense gives us. It will be balanced, and we may have a different rushing leader every game."

Watts proved his capability last year when his 39 completions (in 81 attempts) produced 785 yards and he netted 455 yards rushing for a 3.7 average, after a lot of early sacks. He is coming off a hot finish.

Watt's development and versatility were showcased in the last three games. He averted bad plays against a Missouri defense that was designed to pressure him. He passed for the go-ahead touchdown and scored the winning touchdown on a fourth down gamble in the showdown with Nebraska. He was MVP in the Orange Bowl smothering of Florida State.

Oklahoma's only quarterback question is whether Darrell Shepard will become a dependable backup, thus allowing Kelly Phelps to be redshirted. That will be determined in preseason practice. The spring results were inconclusive.

Rod Pegues will remain at left half, where the converted quarterback provides a pass threat dimenson the Sooner Wishbone has not recenly had. Pegues appeared in spring practice to be an acceptable backup to Winters. Pegues has 4.5 speed, but must develop as an inside runner.

The back who has the 4.5 speed and running skills Switzer prefers is No. 2 fullback Weldon Ledbetter. He is also bigger than Wilson. But Wilson averaged 6.5 yards per carry and was the Sooners' No. 2 rusher with 491 yards last year. He impressed the staff by being uncommonly advanced for a freshman--the result of prepping in a high level program at Carson, Calif. Wilson goes about every assignment with purpose. He deserves to start.

But Ledbetter began to blossom in spring practice. It is unfortunate for Ledbetter that he is in the same class with Wilson. It is unfortunate for Oklahoma that neither of the sophomores, so ideal for the straight-line running required at fullback, has the corner-turning moves needed to play halfback.

For sure, Ledbetter is too talented to be a career backup. Oklahoma would like to redshirt him. But Wishbone fullbacks take so much punishment that OU has usually needed two. Unless Royce Coleman or Barry Joyner improve in the fall, it is doubtful Oklahoma can afford to redshirt Ledbetter.

Halfback George Rhymes, heralded freshman from Miami, Fla., also has the kind of speed to which Oklahoma has become accustomed and will, at worst, figure in backup plans.

Sooner backs will operate behind a line of inordinate size and perhaps be destined for greatness before this season is over, despite its sophomore-junior makeup. All those big inexperienced bulls of 1979 came fast under the patient and astute direction of Mervin Johnson. They blasted big holes in Nebraska's fortresses in a performance that, for pure fundamental efficiency, ranked with Oklahoma's best.

Everyone except center Paul Tabor returns. Much will revolve around his replacement. Bill Bechtold was considered the heir apparent. But when Bechtold was injured in spring practice Johnson experimented with guard Don Key, 1979 starter as a redshirt freshman. The results were fascinating. Key never played a down of center prior to the experiment, but looked capable.

By moving Key to center and Oubre to

guard and elevating tackle Elbert Graham, a prize prospect, to the first unit, Oklahoma might have a better line. It would surely be one of the biggest in the universe.

Switzer said he would hate to move Oubre, "because he has been such a good player at tackle." Key said he would prefer to remain at guard. But in selecting its guards, Oklahoma keeps in mind they have to block tackles when facing Texas' 4-3 defense--an alignment Iowa State will bring back to the Big Eight this year. The thought of having Oubre to contest Texas may soften Switzer's objection to the move.

Adding Graham in place of Bechtold would give the line 30 additional pounds and leave it without a senior to start.

With Oubre (262) and Terry Crouch (275) at guard, Lyndle Byford (285) and Graham (275) at tackle and Key (250) at center, the Sooners would average 260 from tackle to tackle.

The No. 2 line, also rich in size and experience, may be used a lot. It will not sacrifice much ability with guards Jim Carner (275) and Steve Williams (275), provided a heart condition that caused him to miss spring practice clears up, and tackle Ed Culver (272), who filled in splendidly after Byford had knee surgery at midseason.

Byford was withheld from spring practice but is believed fit. He has all-star potential. Crouch made considerable progress last season. Key is capable. Bechtold (241) is adequate. Regardless of which combination starts, Oklahoma's long suit will probably be the offensive line.

Valora is probably the best tight end in the Big Eight. Johnson thinks for blocking and receiving, Valora is better than 1978 consensus All-America Ken MacAfee of Notre Dame, whom Johnson coached.

Rhodes is among OU's best athletes, and a consummate split end. On a passing team Rhodes would be a star. Rhodes may become Oklahoma's first player to start in parts of five seasons. Bobby Grayson return as the alternate messenger, a role he filled behind Freddie Nixon after Rhodes was disabled last year.

Defensively, Oklahoma has a frustrating situation. It must rebuild. But the brightest newcomer--Blake and tackle Paul Parker--play the best-manned positions. The Sooners may have to wait until 1981 to enjoy Blake and Parker and bleed this year until the ends and linebackers develop.

Oklahoma's present staff has never had to break in new linebackers and ends at the same time. Of all the prospects tried at those positions, end Mike Weddington "has the best chance to be a great player," Switzer said. Weddington, backup tight end last year as a freshman, was an outstanding defensive end in high school. At 225, he has more size than Oklahoma traditionally has at end, plus 4.7 speed.

Letterman Dewey Williams sandbagged the plans of another gifted convert, Darryl Goodlow, to play the other end. Williams (4.9) won the position with a recklessness reminiscent of Jimbo Elrod. Goodlow may be redshirted.

Steve Whaley, though lighter (205) than desired, is a fine athlete with 4.8 speed and looms as a valuable backup. Whaley is a former safety with the intelligence and skills to be helpful against passing teams such as Stanford. Junior college transfer Orlando Flanagan (4.7) is also in the picture.

"Even though we don't have much experience, I am encouraged," defensive end coach Gary Gibbs said, "because we have some ability and depth."

There is less ability at linebacker. Warren Harper, who has coached Oklahoma linebackers since 1968, said, "We aren't as poor as I thought we might be and not as good as we need to be." Switzer said, "I felt better about our linebackers after spring practice was over than I did when we started. I think Jerry Sanders can be a good player and Mike Coast had a good spring."

The dropoff in speed, in comparison to Cumby (4.5), is striking. Sanders' time in the 40 is 5.0. Coast's time is 4.9. Mike Reilly is the most experienced, and the biggest (225) and has 4.85 speed. But he has been handicapped by injuries and inconsistency. Redshirt Sherdeill Breathett is the fastest at 4.8, but also the greenest. Freshmen Jackie Shipp and John Truitt are sure to be given long looks before the starters are determined.

The linebackers' task may be made easier by a line that is not expected to permit much traffic through the middle.

Gary, who missed most of spring practice after losing the tip of a finger to a slammed door, and Turner, who also played nose guard last year, bring muscle, quickness and senior spark to tackle. Gary (whose finger was reimplanted by a surgeon) needed spring practice, because of his limited time in Oklahoma's system. He was rushed into starting last year after transferring from junior college. Nevertheless, defensive coordinator Rex Norris anticipates Gary having an outstanding year.

Lewis could be on the same level with Gary and Turner. He has 4.8 speed and as much explosive quickness off the ball as OU's best nose guards of the past. But Blake is 20 pounds bigger, stronger and has 4.7 speed. "We'll be good, whoever starts," Norris said.

Parker, who trimmed down from 290 to 259, is the most awesome prospect on the team. But he is no threat to Turner. It is a matter of savvy. Scott Dawson and Bob Slater also have fine futures at tackle. OU coaches wish they had this kind of talent at linebacker.

The defensive backfield and punt return duties are clouded by the status of Basil Banks. He rates among the Big Eight's best cornerbacks and was second nationally in punt returns last year. But he was suspended during spring practice.

Banks has been on the edge of the cliff for most of his career, because of academic and a cavalier attitude toward practice and rules. But he has demonstrated remarkable resiliency to get eligible and escape the doghouse. Switzer has demonstrated extraordinary patience with Banks. Until the Sooners kick off without him, Banks can not be counted out.

Even without Banks, Oklahoma's cornerback corps includes the veteran pair of Jay Jimerson and Byron Paul plus heralded sophomore Darrell Songy. Jimerson is also a capable punt returner.

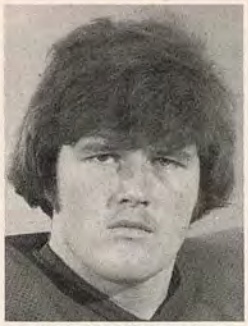
Ken Sitton, 1979 junior college transfer whose agressiveness was displayed on specialty teams, is the starter at strong safety. Sitton weighs 200, has 4.6 speed and more raw ability than OU recently had at his position.

Steve Haworth, unsung sophomore, became the No. 1 surprise of spring practice by winning the free safety job that was blueprinted for Songy. Haworth has 4.7 speed. Songy has 4.6 speed and out-weighs Haworth, 185-175. But Haworth "is a natural, a lot like Zac Henderson," says secondary coach Bobby Proctor. Haworth's performance and uncertainly about Banks prompted the move of Songy to cornerback. In any event, Songy will be a factor.

Oklahoma has learned, painfully and happily, that championships are rooted in defense. The Sooners have a lot of growing up to do before their defense approaches championship form.

At best, the 1980 defense does not figure to dominate and produce a surprise like 1950 (national championship). But it should be sufficient to prevent a nosedive like 1960. And, the offense almost certainly will not have to be changed, as it was in 1970.

Probably, 1980 will produce a change in style and modest dropoff. But when Oklahoma has a lineup that Blake, Parker, Songy, Ledbetter and Graham might not crack, the status quo of the 70's would not seem terribly threatened.



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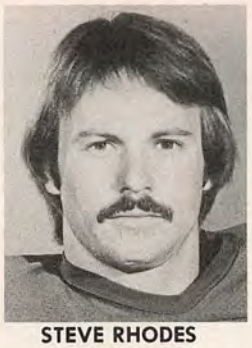

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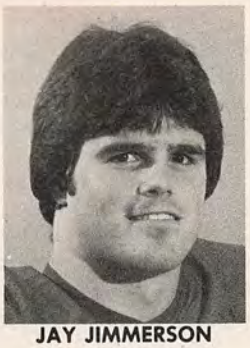

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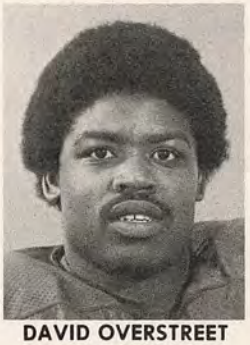

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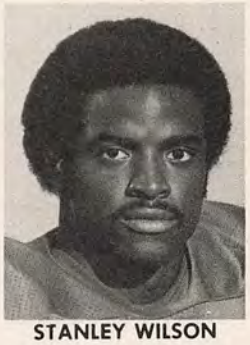

STANLEY WILSON

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
	Alexander, Jerry	HB	5-10	182	So.	Duncan, OK
67	Angel,Keith	DT	6-3	249	Sr.	Kirkwood, MO
17	Banks, Basil	CB	5-11	180	Sr.	Galveston, TX
51	Bechtold, Bill	C	6-4	240	Sr.	Midwest City, OK
10	Bishop, Bobby	SS	6-1	188	So.	Farmersville, TX
90	Blake, John	NG	6-0	250	So.	Sand Springs, OK
47	Breathett, Sherdeill	LB	6-0	215	So.	Kanakee, IL
79	Byford, Lyndle	OT	6-5	280	Jr.	Duncan, OK
69	Carner, Jim	OG	6-4	274	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
58	Charles, Darrel	DE	6-2	230	So.	St. Martinville, LA
48	Coast, Mike	LB	5-11	208	Sr.	Bartlesville, OK
30	Coleman, Royce	FB	6-0	195	So.	Plainview, TX
	Coshow, Larry	C	6-1	238	Sr.	Pauls Valley, OK
85	Cross, Rickey	DE	6-3	225	Sr.	Rockwall, TX
75	Crouch, Terry	OG	6-1	275	Jr.	Dallas, TX
61	Culver, Ed	OG	6-3	275	Jr.	Tahlequah, OK
78	Dawson, Scott	DT	6-2	255	Jr.	Shawnee, OK
13	Dillard, Phillip	QB	5-11	185	So.	Texarkana, AR
29	Downing, Dwayne	QB-S	6-0	185	So.	Vinita, OK
	Erickson, Bob	DB	5-10	177	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
74	Ferguson, Glenn	OT	6-5	255	So.	Owasso, OK
	Flanagan, Orlando	DL	6-2	204	Jr.	Compton, CA
	Foley, Mark	LB	5-11	212	Jr.	Framingham, MA
44	Fotenette, Johnny	FB	6-0	205	So.	St. Martinville, LA
92	Gary, Keith	DT	6-3	250	Sr.	Washington, DC
	Godfrey, John	DT	6-4	211	So.	Frederick, OK
46	Goodlow, Daryl	RB	6-2	215	So.	Maplewood, MO
77	Graham, Elbert	OT	6-3	275	So.	Greenville, TX
12	Grayson, Bobby	SE	5-9	178	Jr.	Beggs, OK
6	Haworth, Steve	DB	5-11	178	So.	Durant, OK
9	Hoge, John	K	5-10	194	So.	Dallas, TX
71	Holmes, Steve	OT	6-2	6-2	230	So. Yukon, OK
	Hubble, Rocky	DL	6-2	204	Jr.	Compton, CA
	Jacobs, Jay	OL	6-1	233	So.	Dallas, TX
	Jenkins, David	OL	6-3	216	Sr.	Altus, OK
15	Jimerson, Jay	DB	5-9	180	Sr.	Norman, OK
	Johnson, James	DB	5-10	179	So.	McAlester, OK
	Johnson, Wallace	DE	5-11	191	So.	Heidelberg, Germany
62	Jones, Jim	DT	6-5	224	Sr.	Turpin, OK
83	Joyce, Mike	DE	6-2	219	Sr.	Lakewood, CO
42	Joyner, Barry	FB	6-1	215	Sr.	Killeen, TX
99	Keeling, Michael	K-E	6-3	195	So.	Dallas, TX
60	Key, Don	OG	6-2	250	So.	Pasadena, TX
43	Ledbetter, Weldon	FB	6-0	205	So.	St. Louis, MO
	Legg, Jerry	FS	5-11	184	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
	Lewis, Gary	OL	6-3	227	So.	Norman, OK

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95	Lewis, Johnnie	NG-DT	6-1	225	Jr.	Carol City, FL
25	Lowell, Gary	DB	6-0	188	So.	Sherman, TX
52	Lucky, Mark	C	5-11	240	Sr.	Rosenberg, TX
	McDonald, Jeff	DB	5-9	184	Jr.	Elk City, OK
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34	McKeaver, Steve	RB	6-1	200	So.	Altus, OK
35	McKim, Jay	RB	5-11	194	Sr.	Denver, CO
	McLamb, John	NG	6-1	220	Jr.	Washington, DC
70	Mitchell, Kelly	OT	6-4	228	So.	Sallisaw, OK
55	Ormand, Kevin	OT	6-7	250	So.	Ponca City, OK
66	Oubre, Louis	OT	6-4	255	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
22	Overstreet, David	HB	5-11	190	Sr.	Big Sandy, TX
63	Parker, Paul	DT	6-3	290	So.	Tulsa, OK
	Patton, Danny	DL	5-11	204	So.	Tulsa, OK
27	Paul, Byron	CB	6-1	192	Jr.	Altus, OK
4	Pegues, Rod	QB	5-11	192	So.	Gainesville, TX
19	Peters, Karl	DB	5-10	165	So.	Pauls Valley, OK
7	Phelps, Kelly	QB	5-10	165	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
	Puckett, Willie	SE	5-10	167	So.	Pomona, CA
	Raiford, William	OL	6-2	232	So.	Tulsa, OK
	Raley, John	OG	6-2	220	Jr.	Ponca City, OK
50	Reilly, Mike	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	Miami, FL
24	Rhodes, Steve	SE	6-0	191	Sr.	Dallas, TX
	Ruttman, Robert	DB	5-9	168	So.	Woodward, OK
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8	Shepard, Darrell	QB	5-11	180	Jr.	Odessa, TX
	Shores, Phillip	DB	5-10	177	So.	Inglewood, CA
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54	Whiteley, Ron	C	6-4	220	So.	Edmond, OK
56	Williams, Dewey	DE	6-1	208	Sr.	Bartlesville, OK
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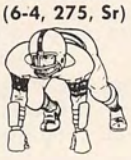

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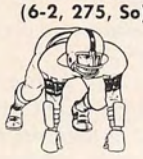

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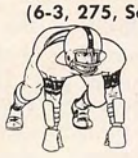

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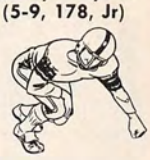

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(CAPS indicate returning starters)

AN UNCULTURED PEARL WITH A CULTURED PAST

As the Big 8 Newcomer of the Year for 1979, Keith Gary abounds with potential, but like crude oil, the explosiveness is proven, only the octane is to be refined.

By **CHRIS RUSCHA,** *Oklahoma City Times*

JUSTICE WAS SERVED when Keith Gary was honored by the Associated Press as the Defensive Newcomer of the Year in the Big Eight Conference last season. After all, the big guy has spent most of his life as a newcomer and what could be more fitting than for him to finally be honored fo that status?

Of course, this strapping, 6-3, 225-pounder wasn't honored out of sympathy for the gyspy life he's lived as the stepson of an army colonel, but rather for his disruptive play as a defensive mainstay for the Oklahoma Sooners last fall.

Gary became one of the few players to make the transition from the junior college ranks to Oklahoma's starting lineup last season, stepping in at defensive tackle and leading the team in tackles for losses. A player with a long and solid background in football would have had a hard time accomplishing those feats but Gary didn't even have that going for him.

He spent his junior high days and three years of high school in Germany where his father was stationed. Football was just something he played because everyone expected it of the biggest guy around. That his heart wasn't in it at the time showed. He was still playing on the junior varsity when he was a junior.

"I learned a lot while we lived over there," the personable Gary noted. "We vacationed a lot in Spain and Italy and places like that. I saw a lot of things that are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. I wasn't really old enough to appreicate museums and stuff life that but I picked up on a lot of things, like manners and how to carry yourself. I've been around so many different kinds of people I think I can talk to anybody from the president of the college on down on their level."

Until his father was transferred to Washington, D.C. before Keith's senior year, it appeared that he would have more opportunities to converse with college presidents than college football coaches. But things fell into place at Chantilly High School, his third prep school, and even though no college coaches courted him, a few people recognized his potential. Someone directed him to Ferrum (Virginia) Junior College.

"When he came here he was only 17, just a big kid who hadn't found himself," says Ferrum coach Hank Norton. "He wasn't a high school star. He wasn't even a full-time starter. When he first came here, he wasn't mentally tough. I don't know if he would have made it if he had gone to a four-year school right out of high school."

Ferrum won the national championship during Gary's freshman year but he was not a starter. He started the next year, part of the time at linebacker, on a conference championship team and was spotted by the Sooners when they came to look over one of his teammates.

Because of his youth and inexperience, the Sooners had hoped to redshirt Gary last year. But they were thin in the defensive line and Gary established himself as a first-teamer by early in the fall. His speed and quickness (he churned out a 4.73 40 for pro scouts last spring) were impossible to keep out of the lineup. Gary, who describes himself as easy-going, unemotional and nonchalant, admits he was surprised by his success last season.

"I was expecting to get here and find guys scratching each others eyeballs out for jobs," he said. "I didn't know what to expect from guys like Billy Sims and George Cumby, who I had seen on television. When you watch football on TV those commentators make you look like you're really something special.

"But when I got here, I found out everyone was just ordinary people like you and me."

Keith Gary is not ordinary. The thing that makes Sooner coaches shake their heads is that no one, Gary included, may realize how much talent he has until he has left Oklahoma. Gary admits he "had no foundation" in football until junior college. The coaching staff says when you refer to Gary's potential, you use a capital P.

"If he had gone through a program like this for four years, there is no telling what his capabilities would be," says Sooner defensive coordinator Rex Norris. "Physically, he could dominate his side of the line. He has a great chance to be a great player. He's a super physical specimen, but this is not a stock show. It just depends on what he gets accomplished by this fall."

Because of his size and mobility, people tend to compare Gary with Lee Roy Selmon, former Sooner All-American and the National Football League's Defensive Player of the Year last season. Gary shrugs off such comparisons in his typical easy-going manner.

"I never even saw him play until he was in the pros," Gary says. "Lucious (himself a Sooner All-American and now an assistant coach) tells me I have some of the qualities his brother had. I guess it's nice. It makes me work a little harder. I might be able to be like him some day."

He will be hard-pressed to match Selmon's legendary feats because of the aforementioned deficiencies in fundamentals. Gary admits his early, nomadic life may have set him back some but figures he came out all right on the cultural end of the deal.

"I'm satisfied. I'm happy I did what I did," he said. "I never imagined coming to a school like this. I've been around people like Cumby and Sims. When you go home, you're all right. Everyone wants to introduce you to all their friends. This is a good place to be as long as you're playing. But you don't want to be standing on the sidelines when there are 75,000 people cheering. You want to be a part of it."

Then, too, if things had been different Gary might not be able to appreciate the things he now commands. He does because of the less-than-ideal conditions of his junior college days.

"Some of these guys get tired of eating steak," he says incredulously. "I remember when we got $2 to go to McDonalds after winning the conference championship. We had 18-hour bus rides and we'd stop on the way to eat the dinner they had packed. Chicken and cold beans out of big pots and passing a bottle of milk around. Some of the places we stayed in, you wouldn't even want to drive by. And we'd have two big linemen sharing a bed."

Gary's polite and friendly manner would not seem to be the ideal temperment for a defensive lineman but he has no intention of altering it to accomodate anyone.

"I'm just not one of those real mean guys," he apologized. "But I like to hit and I guess that's the most important thing for a defensive player. I did a lot of things last year that I didn't really think I was capable of, like sacking the quarterback. But once I did it a couple of times I realized I could do it."

But the whole season wasn't a cakewalk for Gary. His eyes still light up at the mention of the Nebraska game ("the most competitive game we played") and he winces when he recalls facing Missouri's mammoth offensive line. "It seemed like they were coming at us on wheels," he recollected.

The quest to find Gary's true potential suffered another setback last spring. A dormitory door blew shut on his hand and severed part of the ring finger on his left hand. Doctors were able to sew it back on but he missed virtually all of spring practice. Since he is still trying to make up ground on most of his classmates, the lost practice time could be detrimental.

But it also means that when he returns this fall he will almost be back in the role that he knows how to play best--that of newcomer.

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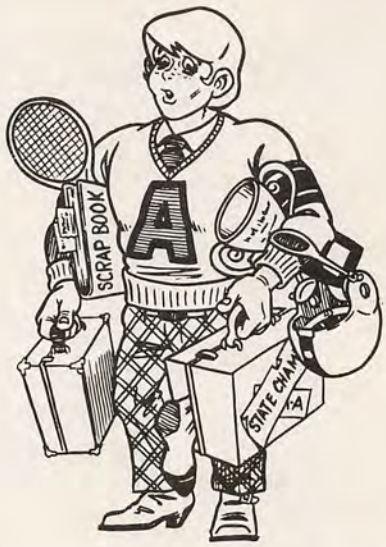

By AL ESCHBACH, *Oklahoma Journal*

THIS WAS THE YEAR that Oklahoma had to get a great linebacker. The string had run out. There weren't any Rod Shoate's, Daryl Hunt's or George Cumby's around. So what happens? The No. 1 linebacker in the country moves to Tulsa to finish his high school career.

But then something happened to the Sooner program that bothers them almost as much as a defeat to Nebraska. This No. 1 linebacking prize, Jeff Leiding, decided to go to, of all places, Texas. When Barry Switzer recruited Leiding, he told him he wanted him to play in the Cotton Bowl every October. But he had something else in mind.

This was two days before national letters of intent were to be signed. What a way to begin a recruiting campaign!

The loss of Leiding would be talked about for a long time. But the pain was eased considerably when the Oklahoma recruiting machine got moving and finished with a crop that Barry Switzer says is, "The best since the 1975 class when we brought in the Billy Sims, Kenny King, Thomas Lott and Greg Roberts group."

And for that linebacker they needed? Well, they got two they think could be in the super class. While Texas committed grand larcency by coming into the state to get Leiding, OU pulled a little trick of their own when they got 6-3, 205-pound Jack Shipp from Stillwater.

"Shipp is one of the three best linebackers in the country," said UCLA recruiter Billy Reese. "He's in the same class as Jeff Leiding. He'll be a great one." Notre Dame recruiting coordinator Brian Boulac echoed the same sentiments. "No doubt about it. Jackie Shipp was one of the top five or six linebackers in the country."

So the Sooner coaches were able to forget about Leiding. The addition of All-American linebacker John Truitt was a better cure than Alka-Seltzer for their linebacking headache. He was regarded as the top high school linebacker in Southern California. He was from the same school (Banning High) as OU freshman fullback All-American Stanley Wilson.

It caused Southern Cal recruiter Artie Gigantino to comment, "We can't let Oklahoma get John Truitt because we don't want them to have a pipeline into Banning." The foundation has been laid.

But the Sooners got a lot more than a couple of great linebackers. They got one of the best runningbacks in the nation in Buster Rhymes of Miami, perhaps the top wishbone signal calling prospect in the land in Ricki Byars of LaPorte, Texas, two excellent tight ends from Oklahoma, two highly sought-after defensive backs and a group of linemen they say they are very happy with.

Any deficiencies? Probably the lack of a great defensive tackle. Still, you didn't hear any complaints.

"Just because we didn't get Jeff Leiding, it didn't ruin our recruiting year," said Sooner recruiting coordinator Mike Jones. "Jackie Shipp was a little quicker (4.6 in the 40) and Leiding was a little bigger. Overall we had a super year because we filled our needs."

In addition to linebacking, the Sooners needed a super halfback and help at tight end and in the defensive backfield. Those gaps are now filled.

The Sooners lost out on two of the best halfbacks in the land in Kerwin Bell (Kansas) and Kevin Nelson (UCLA). Nelson particularly hurt because hours before he signed with the Bruins he told OU assistant Scott Hill that he was coming to Norman.

But they went in the opposite direction and came away with Rhymes, a 6-3, 195 pounder from Miami. "Rhymes is a lot like Elvis Peacock," compared Jones. "He's big and fast. We had him in our summer camp and he ran a 4.45 40. He's a great athlete." If Rhymes is as good as his billing is, he'll play a lot as a freshman.

And there are other backs who can help immediately like Allen Ward of Bellville, Texas, Barrion Walker of LaPorte, Texas and Jerome Ledbetter of Muskogee.

The Sooners definitely needed help at tight end. They didn't have to go far. They signed All-American Tim Randolph (6-3, 230) of Midwest City and 6-4½, 230 pound Ricky Bryan of Coweta.

Randolph, who won't be 18 until the middle of his freshman year, could also be a defensive lineman. And Bryan, whom Arkansas coach Lou Holtz said, "was the best athlete we were recruiting," could also play linebacker or defensive end. He has 4.7 speed.

"We think we got two of the best tight ends in the country," said Jones. "They're great athletes who can play other positions." Either Randolph or Bryan is counted to back Forrest Valora at tight end this year.

There were definite holes in the defensive backfield created by the graduation of Darrol Ray, Sherwood Taylor, Mike Babb and Bud Hebert. Helping to plug them will be 6-1, 195 pound Dwight Draine of Miami and 6-2, 190 pound Brian Hall of Houston. "Both were two of the top defensive backs in the country," offered Notre Dame's Boulac. Hall was considered the best defensive back in Texas and Draine was summed up by his high school coach as, "a future All-American".

And then there's Byars, the 5-9, 180 pound quarterback. Now Byars wasn't named to the Texas Blue Chip list by the Southwest Conference coaches. But how many teams in that conference run the wishbone?

Southern Cal's Gigantino said, "Ricki Byars will be a three year starter at Oklahoma. He'll be a great wishbone quarterback."

The Sooners didn't come away with the great defensive tackles. But they did stockpile their wealth of talent on the offensive line. They got one of the highest rated offensive linemen in Southern California in 6-6, 269 pound Sidney Dodd of Los Angeles. And they came away with 6-4, 225 pound Troy Fields of Miami. OU coaches are high on Tommy Flemons (6-3, 220). Flemons was one of the top heavyweight wrestlers in the country and they were reminded of Greg Roberts when they watched him play.

Another offensive lineman who could help is center Chuck Thomas (6-3, 230) of Houston, who outplayed prep All-American Billy Ray Smith as a junior and was selected the 4th best center in America by the Blue Chip Bureau.

Although there wasn't a big name defensive tackle signed, there were a couple of very good noseguard candidates--Danny Wilson (6-0, 225) of Sherman, Texas and Eric Pope (6-2, 255) of Seminole.

"I thought Wilson and Pope were two of the top defensive line prospects in this part of the country," said Nebraska recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone.

So you can see the Sooners weren't shedding too many tears after Jeff Leiding said "hook 'em horns!"

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just beginning to come into his own. He's a winer--a good Big Eight quarterback, that's for sure."

Quinn saw considerable action as a freshman in 1977, then was redshirted the following year before his early exit last fall. So he's anxious to resume his career in Duncan's redesigned attack.

"It's more of a passing offense," explained Quinn. "The quarterback won't be expected to run the ball as much. We're back to an offense Coach Bruce used when he was here."

Because Quinn's knee will be questionable until he's tested in a game, recruiting backup strength at quarterback was one of Iowa State's primary objectives last winter.

Both Worsham and Stephenson have impressive backgrounds. Worsham led Ranger, Texas, to the junior college National Championship in 1979 and to 20 victories in 21 games the two years he was there. Ranger topped the nation in total offense both years.

Stephenson, a Parade Magazine high school All-American in 1978, powered Triton (Ill.) Community College to a 9-2 record last season, piling up more than 1,500 yards in total offense.

Jim Knuth and Jerry Lorenzen, a pair of rangy sophomore split ends, and slotback Vinny Cerrato figure to be the main pass receivers. But here again, the injury bugaboo clouds the picture.

Knuth, a 6-foot 7-inch target, jammed a shoulder and was sidelined for most of spring ball. Cerrato is another player who missed last season because of knee surgery.

There is a possibility, says Duncan,

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that Rocky Gillis might be tried in the slot position this season, depending on the recovery of his ailing leg and if Payne and Crutchfield come through as anticipated.

"Rocky can make things happen with the football," Duncan reasons. "We'd like to have him in the lineup somewhere, and if we're still concerned about his knee, we may put him in the slot and throw the ball to him."

Since the tailback situation seems to be deep as well as talented, Danny Goodwin has been switched to fullback, where he'll battle veterans Jack Seabrooke and Tom Roach for playing time.

Tight end is a problem spot, perhaps the most uncertain position on the team. Sophomore Mark Weidmemann and senior Jim Nissen were the top two in spring drills, but a pair of newcomers may be the best prospects--Dan Johnson, who is coming in from Golden Valley Junior College in Minnesota, and a promising freshman from Chicago, Brett Blaney.

Brian Neal's return in the offensive line (yes, he was out last season due to knee surgery) is a tremendous plus. He was a freshman All-American two years ago and has the potential to be the best offensive guard in the conference.

The 265-pound Neal will anchor a beefy brigade up front. Guard Ted Clapper (260) and tackle Tim Stonerook (265) and Karl Nelson (259) are returning regulars.

Jim Meyers, a 230-pound sophomore, rates the nod at center, but Boskey--a standout defensive lineman before his knee injury--might be given a trial there if doctors give him the okay to play.

The loss of Boskey to the defense, however, creates an obvious void. He was All-American timber all the way.

"Chris was one of four nose guards we lost last year, all with the same type of knee injury," explained Larry Coyer, Iowa State's defensive coordinator, "and this is one reason why we're going away from the 5-2 defense.

"The nose man is too susceptible to getting hurt against zone blocking schemes. Good ones will be two-teamed, and sometimes triple-teamed. The center will stand him up and a guard will chop him down--and there goes the knee.

"Not many nose guards made it through the Big Eight without getting hurt last year.

"Also, we think the 4-3 defense is better for our purposes. In Iowa we have a better chance to recruit big, strong lineme as opposed to quick linebacker types.

"Then, too," added Coyer, "I'm more comfortable coaching the 4-3, and because of that I think the players are more comfortable. I'd coached that every year since 1974 until we used the 5-2 last year.

"Our down linemen will attach more in the 4-3. It's not a reading defense. The real tragedy of Boskey's injury is that he would have been a devastating tackle in the 4-3."

But there will be no lack of size and ability in the present setup. The four-man front will average a hefty 249-pounds.

The starting ends are Kenny Neil (6-4, 242) and Bruce Reimers (6-6, 238), and the top two tackles are Shamus McDonough (6-4, 256) and Mark Butts (6-2, 260).

"Butts had a great spring," said Duncan. "His improvement is one reason why I know we've closed some gaps on defense."

But, at the expense of sounding redundant, McDonough was hurt last season--no, it was not a knee but a shoulder--and he was withheld from spring practice. His healthy return will be vital to the success of the new 4-3.

This defensive alignment places a premium on seek-and-destroy linebackers, and until proven otherwise the Cyclones are largely an unknown quantity. Three sophomores wound up the spring holding down these slots--Mark Carlson, Joel Jenson and Rodney Hutchins.

Coyer for one has no reservations about the linebackers. "They're young, but they've been very impressive."

John Less is a rugged senior who could furnish some stability, assuming he's recovered from a bone graft to repair a broken hand. He should challenge for a starting job.

The secondary is relatively small, but it may consist of some of the toughest 170-pounders in the Big Eight. Free safety Larry Crawford rates with the best in the league and helps offset the loss of all-conference Mike Schwartz.

Crawford, Joe Brown and Jeff Stallworth were starters last year, and they'll be joined in the four-deep coverage by hard-tackling sophomore John Arnaud.

It was Arnaud, a 168-pounder, who delivered a brutal lick that rang Crutchfield's bell during one of the spring scrimmages.

John got up and said, "Welcome to the Big Eight, Dwayne." A little later he trotted off to a track meet and won the high jump at 6-10.

"I doubt if anyone will be able to complete seven-foot high passes in Arnaud's territory," says Duncan with a grin.

As you can see, Donnie is learning to smile again.

The Cyclones brought in eight junior college transfers, and several others in addition to Crutchfield are labeled in the can't miss category.

One is Terron Rogers, a 210-pound defensive back from Triton. Another is Tim Copeland, an All-America wide receiver from Iowa Central of Fort Dodge, who missed spring ball after having a non-malignant tumor removed from his leg. Many pro scouts are well aware of Copeland's potential.

"On one rating sheet of the top 20 junior college players in the country," said Duncan, "We got four--Copeland, Crutchfield, Rogers and Mike Jensen (an offensive guard from Garden City, who is listed behind Clapper at guard)."

Iowa State's place-kicking should be exceptional with the return of sophomore Alex Giffords, who made nine of 13 field goals last season and ranked among the league's scoring leaders.

But junior Rich Miller's punting was sub-par, a mediocre 35.4-yard average, although he was called upon to kick more than anyone else in the Big Eight. He'll have to improve on that or lose the job, because incoming freshman Kelly Goodburn from Correctionville, Iowa, was recruited for his punting prowess.

Overall, Duncan is pleased about the progress of his second Cyclone team, mainly because the revamped defense looked so much better in the spring.

"Last year," said Donnie, "I didn't feel we had the strength on defense that you must have in the Big Eight. Our No. 2 offense moved the ball too easily on our No. 1 defense.

"We're more physical on defense now, and for that reason alone I know we're going to be an improved team."

Like most Big Eight observers, Duncan puts traditional powers Oklahoma and Nebraska at the top of the heap again, with Missouri as a challenger, but if you're looking for a sleeper, Iowa State just might be it.

Sure, it's a team of question marks. Much depends on recuperation of many, many knees. But there also seems to be size, speed and ability in abundance.

The best assessment is to say the Cyclones are a year away. They're loaded with exceptional underclassmen, so look out for them in 1981.

But many times teams that are a year away arrive almost unnoticed one year ahead of schedule. If this one does, don't say we didn't warn you. 8

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LAMAR SUMMERS
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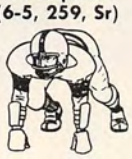

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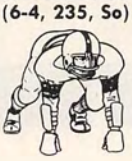

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SHAMUS McDONOUGH
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Cal Jacobs
(6-3, 213, Sr)

Marc Butts
(6-2, 260, Jr)
Dan Martin
(6-4, 262, So)

Bruce Reimers
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Lloyd Studniarz
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Joel Jenson
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Clint Loy
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Mark Carlson
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Ron Troyan
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Rodney Hutchins
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LOU VIECELI
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John Arnaud
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Ken James
(5-10, 155, So)

JOE BROWN
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Darryl Hobson
(6-1, 173, So)

LARRY CRAWFORD
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Ronnie Osborne
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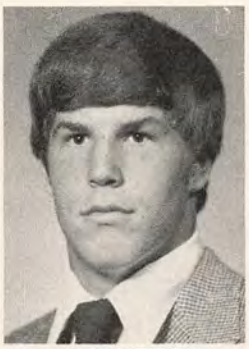

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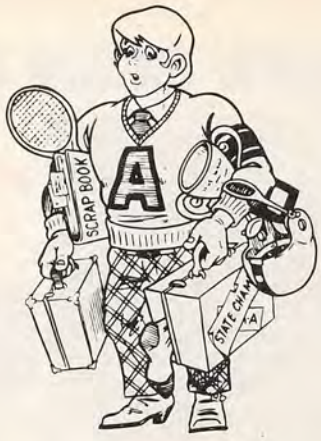
NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
	Angilloti, Mark	DL	6-4	220	So.	Elk Grove, IL
20	Arnaud, John	CB	5-11	168	So.	Sioux City, IA
78	Boskey, Chris	NG	6-3	250	Jr.	Riverdale, IL
31	Bowden, Mike	FB	6-0	198	Sr.	Farmingdale, MI
19	Brown, Joe	CB	5-11	165	Jr.	Pahokee, FL
99	Butts, Marc	DT	6-2	260	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
93	Carlson, Mark	LB	6-2	219	So.	Lytton, IA
28	Cerrato, Vinny	FL	6-0	182	Jr.	Albert Lea, MN
64	Clapper, Ted	OG	6-5	260	So.	Ankeny, IA
25	Copeland, Tim	WR	6-5	185	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
44	Crawford, Larry	CB	5-11	172	Sr.	Miami, FL
42	Crutchfield, Dwayne	RB	6-2	220	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
88	Cunningham, John	OLB	6-1	175	So.	Urbandale, IA
45	Flummerfelt, Mike	LB	6-1	201	Jr.	Ames, IA
6	Giffords, Alex	PK	5-8	161	So.	Tucson, AZ
8	Gillis, Rocky	TB	5-9	178	So.	Pompano Beach, FL
40	Goodwin, Dan	TB	5-11	197	So.	Omaha, NE
	Grannon, Jeff	CB	5-7	170	Sr.	Marion, IA
47	Gray, Richard	RB	6-0	198	So.	Dallas, TX
23	Harris, Mike	TE	6-1	203	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
17	Hobson, Darryl	FS	6-1	173	So.	Kansas City, KS
13	Hofstetter, Scott	FS	5-11	181	Jr.	Elgin, IL
96	Hutchins, Rodney	OLB	6-2	197	So.	Joliet, IL
60	Jacobs, Cal	DT	6-3	213	Sr.	Council Bluffs, IA
15	Jacobson, Dave	QB	5-11	184	Jr.	Maxwell, IA
22	James, Ken	CB	5-10	155	So.	Gainesville, FL
63	Jensen, Mike	OG	6-3	245	Jr.	Manhattan, KS
48	Jenson, Joel	OLB	6-2	221	So.	Armstrong, IA
85	Jessen, George	OLB	6-1	200	So.	New Richland, MN
	Johnson, Dan	TE	6-4	225	Jr.	Crystal, MN
39	Johnson, Dwayne	RB	5-11	170	So.	Omaha, NE
77	Koch, Darryl	DT	6-2	208	Sr.	Hudson, IA
70	Key, James	NG	6-1	234	So.	Washington, DC
52	Kincart, Jeff	OT	6-2	255	Jr.	Bloomfield, IA
24	Knuth, Jim	SE	6-7	215	So.	State Center, IA
41	Lingren, Jeff	FB	6-0	214	Sr.	Schleswig, IA
	Longshore, Darren	DB	6-2	190	So.	Massillon, OH
32	Lorenzen, Jerry	SE	6-2	207	So.	Reinbeck, IA
59	Loy, CLint	OLB	602	202	So.	Kansas City, MO
36	Mack, Victor	TB	6-0	188	Sr.	Mansfield, OH
83	Martin, Dan	TE	6-4	262	So.	Williams Bay, WI
53	McDonough, Shamus	DT	6-4	256	So.	Corning, IA

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
35	Meinen, Steve	LB	6-2	207	So.	Fairfield, IA
54	Meis, John	NG	6-4	228	Jr.	LeMars, IA
56	Meyer, Jim	C	6-2	230	So.	Wichita, KS
58	Meyers, Chuck	C	6-1	235	So.	Omaha, NE
3	Miller, Rich	P	5-11	209	Jr.	Urbandale, IA
43	Nanke, Mark	TB	6-1	203	So.	Waterloo, IA
76	Neal, Brian	OG	6-2	256	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
62	Neil, Kenny	DT	6-4	242	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
69	Nelson, Karl	OT	6-6	259	So.	DeKalb, IL
73	Nelson, Scott	DT	6-4	220	So.	Almena, WI
98	Niemann, Jay	LB	6-0	206	So.	Avoca, IA
91	Nissen, Jim	TE	6-2	210	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
16	Osborne, Ronnie	FS	5-9	172	So.	Pahokee, FL
33	Payne, Mike	TB	5-10	188	Sr.	Gary, IN
18	Quinn, John	QB	6-0	181	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
92	Ransom, James	NG	6-1	211	So.	Riveria Beach, FL
57	Rasmussen, Ned	OT	6-4	235	So.	Park Ridge, IL
80	Reimers, Bruce	DT	6-6	238	So.	Humboldt, IA
71	Rensink, Greg	NG	6-4	217	Sr.	Newkirk, IA
27	Roach, Tom	FB	6-0	214	Jr.	Rock Rapids, IA
5	Rogers, Terron	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Chicago, IL
79	Ruprecht, Jim	OT	6-5	259	Sr.	Dubuque, IA
68	Schneiter, Walt	OL	6-3	250	Jr.	Joliet, IL
37	Seabrooke, Jack	FB	6-0	210	Sr.	Des Moines, IA
72	Spears, Donald	OT	6-2	258	So.	Montgomery, AL
29	Stallworth, Jeff	CB	5-9	164	So.	Omaha, NE
7	Stephenson, Alan	QB	6-2	195	Jr.	Durham, NC
53	Stoklosa, Mike	OG	6-1	185	So.	Miami, FL
75	Stonerook, Tim	OT	6-7	265	Sr.	Buffalo Grove, IL
10	Stout, Tim	QB	6-4	185	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
94	Studniarz, Lloyd	DT	6-3	228	Sr.	Chicago, IL
21	Summers, Lamar	FL	6-0	186	So.	Chicago, IL
34	Thomas, Ernie	FL	5-11	176	So.	Omaha, NE
35	Tollefson, Steve	DB	5-10	172	So.	Mount Pleasant, IA
90	Troyan, Ron	LB	6-0	200	So.	Loveland, OH
61	VandeMerkt, Tim	OG	6-3	238	Sr.	Lombard, IL
81	VanderPloeg, Paul	OLB	6-2	218	So.	Pella, IA
87	Vieceli, Lou	LB	5-9	185	Sr.	South Holland, IL
5	Warne, Roger	PK	6-1	195	Jr.	Atlantic, IA
81	Weidemann, Mark	TE	7-3	205	So.	Dows, IA
86	Weist, Lee	TE	6-4	230	Jr.	Dubuque, IA
12	Worsham, David	QB	6-2	195	Jr.	San Antonio, TX

"Freshman Harvest"

Duncan signs the best JUCO class in America.



By GARY RICHARDS, *Des Moines Register*

DONNIE DUNCAN SAT with his Iowa State assistant coaches in the dressing room they share after a mid-week practice late last fall. Talk soon drifted from the immediate foe, Oklahoma State, to the future.

A reporter on hand mentioned how young the 1979 Cyclones were. Only seven seniors started the final game against the Cowboys, which ended in a 13-10 loss to put the Cyclone record at a disappointing 3-8.

"You'll still be young next year," the writer added, noting that just a handful of players would be returning for the senior year in 1980.

Mack Brown, then the Cyclones' receiving coach and soon-to-be-named offensive coordinator, joined in. "Not only will we be young next year," he said, "but we will still be young two years from now."

It's hard to believe, but true--the Cyclones, young in '79, young again in '80, still figure to be young in '81. The reason, of course, is the one-year rule of 1978 which allowed freshmen to be redshirted.

Then-Iowa State Coach Earle Bruce redshirted nearly a dozen first-year players in 1978, and those same players will just be sophomores this fall. Bruce's decision two years ago determined to a great extent Duncan's recruiting needs last winter.

The Cyclone coach needed immediate help, so he went to junior colleges to bring in 11 transfers. A total of 28 freshmen will also report this fall, some of whom are walk-ons.

"We really have an imbalance in our classes," said Iowa State recruiting coordinator Durwood Keeton, mentioning the many freshman redshirts of two years ago and a small senior class. The ISU roster lists just 13 seniors on this fall's squad.

"And," added Keeton, "we have only 14 players in our junior class. Heck, with all those redshirts, we have 36 in our sophomore class."

Duncan and Keeton say this latest crop of recruits is a good class, maybe even better than Bruce's last recruiting effort, which many around Ames say was the school's best ever.

You wouldn't know it to read any recruiting publications, however. In the Big Eight it's said that Oklahoma and Nebraska enjoyed their usual banner years, while Kansas is said to be the surprise victor in the recruiting wars of last winter.

The Cyclones did bring in one prospect who needs little introduction--runningback Dwayne Crutchfield, the nation's leading rusher in junior college last fall with 1,812 yards. There's another story elsewhere in this magazine on Crutchfield. For now, suffice it to say he's the quality athlete around whom programs can be built.

Other new Cyclones aren't as well known, but they have talent and can play in the rugged Big Eight, says Duncan.

"I know we are bringing in some quality football players," says the former Oklahoma aide, now entering his second year at the helm of the ISU staff. "Some will be able to play right away, others will be ready in a couple of years.

"We feel this class is capable of playing and winning, in the Big Eight. I don't think anyone in the Big Eight has a grasp of who they are and what their abilities are. That's fine with me, because I'm more concerned with what is said and written after the game than what is being said now."

Crutchfield claimed the No. 1 tailback spot midway through spring drills, but he's just one of several junior college recruits who may be in the starting lineup Sept. 13 when the Cyclones open at home against Northeast Louisiana. Tight end Dan Johnson, linebacker Mark Angillotti and offensive lineman Mike Jensen are three leading contenders for starting spots.

Johnson, a 6 foot 5-inch and 225-pounder, is from Minnesota's Golden Valley Lutheran Junior College. He, perhaps along with freshman Brett Blaney, figures to challenge incumbent Jim Nissen for the top spot.

Angillotti (6-4, 220) comes from Ellsworth (Ia.) Community College and will have three seasons of eligibility remaining when he reports this fall. Jensen (6-3, 245) played with Crutchfield at Garden City (Kan.) Community College a year ago and was one of the linemen making those holes for the big back to plow through. "He's got some people looking over their shoulders already," said Keeton.

Other jucos to watch are defensive backs Darren Longshore (6-2, 190) and Terron Rogers (6-2, 205), guard Walt Schneiter (6-3, 250) and wide receiver Tim Copeland (6-2, 195).

Duncan is keeping his fingers crossed about Copeland, a 6-3 and 185-pounder who "on film shows me some of the same moves that Billy Brooks made at Oklahoma," according to the ISU coach. The first-team all-junior college selection last fall underwent major surgery this past winter. A tumor, benign, was removed but there's a circulatory problem in the leg where the operation was performed. He actually signed his national-letter-of-intent from his hospital bed, and the Cyclone coaches hope to have the speedster ready to play this season. But for now his status is at best questionable.

Two of the junior college newcomers are quarterbacks, David Worsham and Alan Stephenson. Worsham guided Ranger (Tex.) to the national title a year ago and is rated the better passer. Stephenson piloted Triton (Ill.) to a 9-2 mark and is rated the better runner. Both hope to challenge John Quinn for the starting role.

Bringing in 11 junior college players is more than Duncan would like, but "our situation dicated that we get some immediate help," he said. "And we're more than pleased with the players we signed."

Duncan has a right to be pleased about the Iowa preps he signed, too. They number 16 with some, as mentioned earlier, coming as walk-ons.

A year ago, despite a late start, Duncan landed all but two of the Iowa preps he wanted. This year he did just as well as only three went elsewhere. And the Cyclones filled a need with their prep recruits--linemen.

"I don't know why it is, but there were so many big linemen in Iowa this year," said Keeton. "It was crazy, there were so many of 'em."

One of the biggest is West Liberty's Scott McKillop, a 6-5 and 240-pounder. Hampton's Brad Abbas (6-3, 235), Missouri Valley's Ben Musgrave and Osceola's J. P. Morgan (6-7, 235) are a few others.

Other Iowans to watch are Roland-Story defensive back Tony Carlson, Urbandale tight end Doug Allen, Hudson lineman Mike Shindelar, Grundy Center tight end Dave Smoldt and Correctionville quarterback-punter Kelly Goodburn. Scott Williams, the West Des Moines Dowling quarterback and the son of ISU assistant coach Jim Williams, is also one of the Iowa signees.

The Cyclones brought in 12 out-of-state preps, but for the first time in nearly a decade none are from Florida. Duncan elected to hit the Chicago area hard instead and it paid off as eight recruits were signed from there.

Blaney, the previously mentioned tight end, tops the list. The Prospect Heights, Ill., native was all-everything in Illinois and could content early for playing time.

From Chicago's Martin Luther King High School came a trio of signees--runningback Michael Ingram, wide receiver-defensive back George Walker and defensive lineman Thaddeus Watkins.

Doug Fischer, a linebacker from Canton, Ohio, and Brad Dupree, a lineman from Ulysses, Kan., add to the list of what Duncan and his staff believe is a class that is better than what others think.

"...HAVE SEEN EARL CAMPBELL PLAY... ...DWAYNE IS BETTER..."

Just as Earl Campbell met the Heisman challenge so is Dwayne Crutchfield qualified for one of life's highest goals.

By GARY RICHARDS, *Ames Daily Tribune*

HE'S THE MOST heralded Iowa State junior college recruit since Matt Blair, the Cyclones' all-Big Eight performer of the early 1970s and now an all-pro linebacker with the Minnesota Vikings.

He's being favorably compared to Earl Campbell, the former Heisman Trophy winner from Texas and probably the finest runningback currently in the National Football League.

He's been the target of Iowa State recruiters for each of the last three seasons.

He's a massive man, yet one who is just as comfortable bouncing a child on his knee as stiff-arming a defensive tackle.

Dwayne Crutchfield, that's who we're talking about, is finally a Cyclone after stops at Waldorf (Ia.) and Garden City (Kan.) Community Colleges. He is the main reason for renewed optimism in a program which last year slumped to 3-8...the first losing season since 1975.

It's easy to write about this 6-foot 2-inch and 230-pound junior tailback with the 31-inch thighs and 4.6 speed in the 40. He's accessible and a good interview, and the 1,812 yards he rushed for last fall at Garden City have made him a much pursued player by the media.

Crutchfield led the nation's junior colleges with that total, and he averaged 7.5 yards on each of his 244 carries. In one game, he galloped for 305 yards, a good many in any league. Only once did he fail to crack the 100-yard mark, and that was because of a painful hip pointer which kept him sidelined for the first three quarters. Playing just the final quarter, he gained 85 yards.

His goals at Iowa State are lofty. Already he is looking past his college days to a career in the NFL. And he has the talent to realize those goals, say those who have watched him play.

"Dwayne has rare ability," says ISU Coach Donnie Duncan, not one to be optimistic unless the situation warrants. "And he certainly has the opportunity for a fine college career and then to go into pro football. That's a big step, but Dwayne has the talent."

Crutchfield isn't the boastful type, yet he won't shy away when asked his ambitions. A Big Eight title for the Cyclones, a league rushing crown for himself and a shot at that award Campbell won a few years back--the Heisman.

There are other goals, but you get the picture. Dwayne Crutchfield is aiming high, very high.

With such lofty aspirations, it'd be easy to write off Crutchfield as another cocky junior college transfer. Every school has seen them. They come in with big reputations and believe they can tame the world. Playing against the Oklahomas and Nebraskas has a way of cutting them down to size.

Crutchfield doesn't come across as a braggart. He speaks quietly, and carefully. He talks of his new teammates with respect, and of the respect he knows he has to earn from them.

One blustery afternoon this past spring, Crutchfield sat in the small apartment he rents south of the Iowa State campus. A tape recorder sat ready to roll as he eased his huge frame into a seat. On the wall behind him were plaques and trophies from his high school days in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his junior college days.

Talk quickly turned to a quote by his coach at Garden City, Ray Sewalt. Call it "The Quote". Said Sewalt shortly after Iowa State signed Crutchfield last winter, "Dwayne is the best back I have ever been associated with. I have seen Earl Campbell play since he was a junior in high school and Dwayne is better. He'll run over you, around you, whatever it takes to get the job done."

That comparison received considerable play around Ames this past spring. And when Crutchfield first read it, he was caught off guard.

"When Coach Sewalt first said that, I was really shocked," said Crutchfield "I like the comparison. I mean, that's the runningback to be compared to...one of the best that's ever been in the NFL. But it was still a shock to be compared to him."

The comment may have caught Duncan off guard, too. He doesn't need a newcomer who has yet to slam off tackle and pick up his first yard for Iowa State being compared to the likes of Campbell. "It's obviously something Ray really believes or he wouldn't have said it," was Duncan's response to the Campbell comparison. "I do see it as something that might add pressure to him, and there's one thing I won't do is get into a comparison thing with any of my players."

"Dwayne is his own type of player. This is a real compliment, being compared to Campbell. At the same time, it's a high standard to measure up to. The next two years will reveal where Dwayne stands."

He already stands tall in the eyes of the Cyclone coaching brass. But the ISU coaches have regarded him highly ever since 1978 when then Cyclone offensive coordinator Tom Lichtenberg was recruiting Ohio.

Dwayne was someone I could tell who could come in his first year and help us right away," said Lichtenberg, now the head coach at Morehead State in Kentucky. "He was the best player I signed for Iowa State."

But Crutchfield had academic problems. He graduated with a 1.99 grade point average, meaning he would be going to a junior college and not a four-year school. Lichtenberg sold him on attending Waldorf,

with the idea of transferring to Iowa State the following year.

But much happened in the next 12 months. Crutchfield was unhappy at Waldorf, Lichtenberg had left for Morehead State, and Earle Bruce, the head coach, left to succeed Woody Hayes at Ohio State.

In came Duncan, and one of his first tasks was to contact Crutchfield. He needed another year in junior college, so Duncan suggested Garden City where Sewalt was coaching. A year later he was a first team junior college All-American and was attracting recruiters from the likes of Oklahoma, Southern Cal, Notre Dame, Kansas, Kansas State and the University of Cincinnati.

And Bruce hadn't forgotten about Crutchfield. He dispatched assistant Wayne Stanley to Garden City in the hopes of getting the big back to Columbus.

The attention was flattering, but "I never visited any place but Iowa State." said Crutchfiel. "I just figured this was the right place for me and Coach Sewalt, well, he's a good friend of Coach Duncan and he kept telling me Iowa State was the place for me.

"I had some doubts I guess when Iowa State had that 3-8 record. But Coach Sewalt, he kept working on me. He'd say, 'Go to Iowa State. You only have two years left and you can play there right away, get some publicity and be the first player there to possibly win the Heisman.' That sounded like a good reason for me to go there."

Still, it's nice to be wanted by the big boys of college football. There was the day Crutchfiel headed back to his dorm room at Garden City last fall and found roommate Glenn Buggs, who signed with ISU's arch-rival Iowa, looking at a letter from Oklahoma. "I saw Oklahoma's colors on it and Glenn said they wanted to talk with him. I said that's nice, and then he laughed at me and threw the letter on my bed. He said it was for me and that made me feel pretty good."

But Clarence Hudson, the Cyclones' runningback coach, did his best to keep other recruiters from selling their schools to Crutchfield. He spent a good portion of last year in the Southwest Kansas community, just making sure that ISU's top recruiting target was indeed in the fold.

"I really got to like Coach Hudson," said Crutchfield. "It was like we had a father-son relationship. I could be truthful with him and he could be truthful with me. It wasn't that way with all the recruiters."

It's interesting that Crutchfield should talk of a father-son relationship. As a youngster, he saw his parent's marriage break up. His eyes brighten when he speaks of his mother, Carol Simpson, but when he is asked about his father, he says icily, "He's not important to me."

Fortunately for him, there was an important male figure in his life. Dwayne's grandfather, the Rev. Howard Crutchfield, a Baptist minister, took him in as a seventh-grader and played a guiding role in his somewhat turbulent young days.

There was the night a friend came over and asked Dwayne to go along for a ride in a car that "a uncle" had let him use. Dwayne went along, but the car had been stolen. A chase followed and soon the police came knocking on Dwayne's door.

"My grandfather, he's my pride and joy," said Dwayne. "That time with the car, he asked me what happened, got my side of the story and explained the situation to the police. They listened to him, and that kept me out of jail.

"I could have gotten into a lot of trouble back then. I used to hang around some real, real bad guys. I mean thieves as a matter of fact. I could have had a life of crime so easy, there's no doubt about it. The area I came from in Cincinnati, the friends I grew up with...one's in jail for armed robbery and one is in for murder. That's not what I wanted. I wanted to make something of myself."

And the Rev. Crutchfield was around to be sure that he did. When times got tough or Dwayne found himself in scraps he should not have been, the grandfather and the grandson would go up to a study and "we would recite parts of the Bible together," Dwayne said, a peaceful, contended look on his face. "He would tell me how hard it had been for him to raise his family, how they had to scrape, scrape and scrape for a living. He'd say, 'Dwayne, you can do better. Just keep straight.' Because of him I did."

It was the Rev. Crutchfield who first pointed Dwayne toward football. He urged him to go out for his school's seventh-grade team and the 5-11 and "170-pound plus" youngster landed a spot as a offensive tackle and linebacker. That is until the fullback broke a thumb one game, and Crutchfield showed enough footwork on an interception to score a touchdown. The next practice, he became a fullback. He's been running the football ever since.

As a Cyclone, Crutchfield will probably line up as tailback, even though the likely fullback, Danny Goodwin, is an inch shorter and some 20 pounds lighter. But Duncan likes Goodwin's ability to dart through the middle, and he likes Crutchfield's ability to go inside and outside as well as his receiving talents.

Spring drills started slowly for this much publicized recruit. He began on third team behind seniors Mike Payne and Victor Mack, though that wasn't expected to last long. But shin splints hindered his early performance.

Nevertheless, Duncan liked what he saw, especially at one practice where the coaches decided to take it easy on Crutchfield by not letting him get hit. The other backs were to get hit. Nothing doing, said Crutchfield. If everyone hits, then he wants to hit, too.

"That showed me he doesn't mind playing in pain," said an impressed Duncan. "He can play through the little things that slow down some guys."

Because of his publicity, teammates were eager to test Crutchfield in practice. The hits on him were a little harder. "I could tell they were testing me," he said. "That's okay, and I like it. It's the way it is at every new place. The new guy always gets tested, but when we go to war for the first time this season, everyone will put their backs together and we'll be a team."

Giving Crutchfield an extra hard lick in practice wasn't easy. Watching him run is like watching youngsters in a neighborhood game. There usually seems to be one big kid who no one can bring down. At Iowa State, Crutchfield is that big kid. Seldom can one tackler bring him to the turf.

That will earn him respect, especially when it's a Nebraska or Oklahoma linebacker who fails to tackle the Cyclone tailback. And this is the way Crutchfield leads, by example.

Duncan calls him a quiet leader, and he certainly is no rah-rah cheerleader. That's one reason he lives off campus. In his apartment he can be by himself and think which he likes to do.

"Sometimes I'll come home at night, turn on some soft music and just dream about what I need to do," he said. "I'm that way with football, too. At a practice, I like to stand off a bit. It's like I'm searching my soul, trying to do what I can to make myself a better player.

"Even on game day, when everyone is supposed to be together, I like to be by myself. People come by and think I'm hard to talk to and that I'm a loner. But I'm just thinking, getting ready. Sometimes I'll even cry on the day of a game. I just have to reach down inside of myself, that soul searching, to get ready."

Crutchfield the thinker, the loner, the guy who sometimes weeps the morning of a big game--he can be the leader on a team still packed with youth. And he talks the role.

"When I knew I was coming here, I knew the team last year was young while everyone else in the Big Eight had older guys. Now it's Iowa State's time to be older and for the other teams to be younger," he says.

And about those goals, Crutchfield doesn't hesitate to rattle them off. "Number one, I want to win the Big Eight rushing title; No. 2, I want to bring the Big Eight title to Iowa State; No. 3, I want to go to the Orange Bowl; No. 4, I want to beat Oklahoma and Nebraska two years in a row; and No. 5, I want to be the first Iowa State player to win the Heisman."

Which brings us back to that other Heisman winner, Mr. Campbell. It takes someone special to win a Heisman, or even be mentioned for it. Iowa State's been in this situation before, though not too seriously. George Amundson received some Heisman consideration in 1972, and Dexter Green was billed as a possible candidate going into the 1978 season.

Iowa State lacks the tradition of a Texas, Ohio State, Notre Dame or Oklahoma--schools that normally produce the Heisman winner. But that doesn't phase the Iowa State hopeful.

"I feel," he said, "that there's no one better player that will be around to win the Heisman than me. I don't want to sound like a braggart or anything like that, but I'm going to do everything I can to be a Heisman winner.

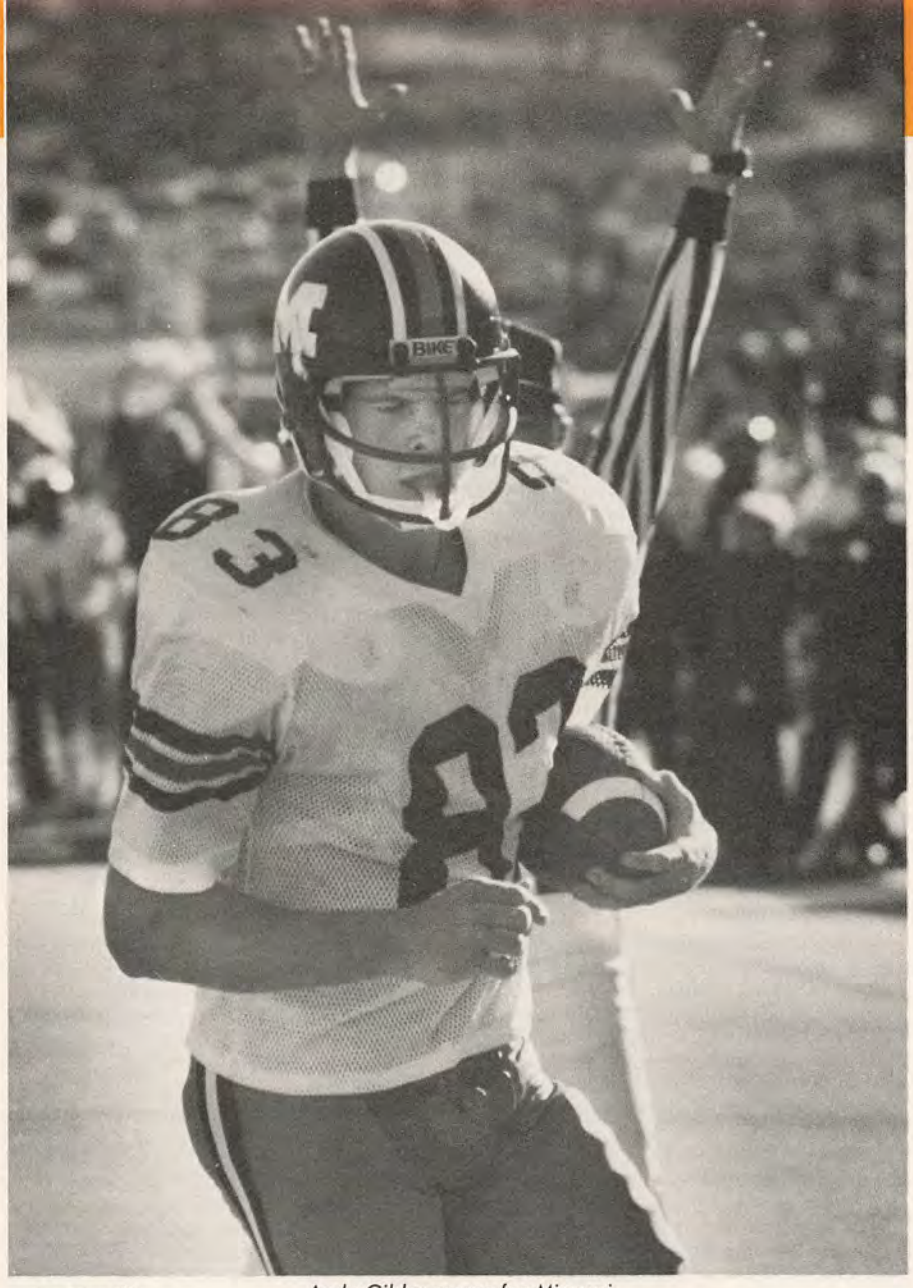
"Then I want to play pro football. You know, Earl Campbell and I have a lot in common. We both come from a poor but tight-knit home. When he signed his first pro contract, he bought his mom a home. That's what I'd like to do, too. Buying my mom a home is a way to give her some of the things she never had. My grandfather is an inspiration, but so is she."

Crutchfield is majoring in child development. He loves kids, and says he enjoys working with the retarded. "They have so much to offer if only people will give them their time," he says.

It would be prudent if Iowa State fans gave Crutchfield time. He's still the new kid, the guy who has to adapt to the toughest brand of football he's ever faced.

And, because of his quiet nature, he might be a hard guy for some to get to know. But he knows what he wants, and who he is.

"I'm just a small-town type of guy who has know real poverty. Eating greens, corn bread, even pig feed. I've known that. Now I'm just trying to get ahead, to get a hold of something that we can keep the rest of our lives, to make something for my family so that we can have a future."



Andy Gibler scores for Missouri.

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left guard and he is no stranger to the post with two letters.

Powers has high praise for junior Brad Edelmen (6-6, 253) in the middle.

"Edelman is one of the premier centers in the country," said the coach, who also has experienced depth in Jeff Stokowski, a 6-4, 284-pound senior who formerly started, and Fred Leiding, a 6-2, 245-pound senior who was Edelman's backup a year ago.

Powers' successful spring experiments brought the transfer of defensive tackles Scott Shockley (6-5, 249) and Morton Taylor (6-5, 265) to offensive tackle and the switch of tight end Tom Anderson (6-3, 228) to guard.

Yet, the spring game--a 15-0 victory by the Golds over the Blacks--made it clear that Powers still has work to do and miles to go before he has effective depth in that offensive line.

With his established performers diluted by division, neither side had an effective offensive unit. The winning Golds managed only 104 yards of total offense and the Blacks had 79. There were other reasons, of course. Bradley was starring as centerfielder for Mizzou's successful baseball team. Richards was being toasted in Chicago by Playboy. Wilder was sidelined with bone spur surgery. And three of coach Mike Price's remaining four quarterback were injured.

Eric Vandenbergh, a sophomore walk-on from Chicago, wound up playing for both sides the entire second half.

The possibility of a quarterback shortage was a nightmare that had already occurred to Powers, apparently, because even before three went down to blight his spring game for a 7,400 alumni who showed up, he addressed himself to the subject.

His original offensive concept was the Arkansas veer which he installed for the 1978 season. But said Powers, "You look at a veer team that runs a lot--Arkansas, Houston and some others-- their damn quarterback becomes the main ball carrier. I look at our backfield--a big strong guy like Wilder, tough experienced backs like Meyer and Hill--and I want to get the ball to them when we run it.

"In the triple option, the defense dictates who runs the ball. They plug the middle and take away the pitch man, so your quarterback has to keep it. We could wind up with a 170-pound quarterback running the ball all the time. That happened to us too often last year. Heck, if they can make Phil Bradley keep the ball all the time, he's not going to be around.

"Look at Oklahoma. Thomas Lott (1978) wasn't really a quarterback, he was a running back. So is J. C. Watts. Look at the big kid (Delrick Brown) who quarterbacked Houston. What was he, 6-4 and about 220?

"How many times did Billy Sims (Oklahoma's super running back) carry the ball against us last year? It musta been 35 or 36 (36 for 282 yards). Watts didn't fool around by pitching Sims the football. He handed Sims the football because be wanted to make sure that Sims got it and there was nothing we could do about it. Heck, if Sims was the pitch man we could have taken away the pitch.

"So, we're going to get away from the Arkansas veer a little bit. Sure the option is fine and we'll use it when opportunity presents itself. But we're going to throw the football more. And we're going more to the direct handoff when we want to run the ball.

"We think we can throw the ball with consistency and confidence because we work more on our passing game than most veer teams do. We think we can get outside. We aren't going to be a true veer team, but more of a trapping team with some power formations.

"We think both our players and coaches will have a better understanding of our offense. We have a better understanding now of what the other teams are going to try to do to stop us. We've got a better feel of what is going to happen. So a year like last year helped.

"As for the players, I think it helped them mentally. I could tell the difference even in the winter weight program. The players have a much better understanding of the mental side of the game. They know they can't wait until Saturday to get ready

to play. It has to build all week."

But Powers' concern for the quarterback position does not mean that he considers it a potential trouble spot. Actually, Missouri is 50 per cent improved over this time last year.

That is because of the emergence of Dan McDaniels, a 6-1, 200-pound senior with 4.7 speed from Jefferson City, Mo., as backup to Bradley.

Bradley had no backup this time last year. But in the 55-7 lashing of Kansas in the season's finale, McDaniels led the team to three quick TDs against the Jayhawks after Bradley retired. With Bradley in a baseball uniform, McDaniel was a powerhouse this spring.

"If Phil needs relief, I won't hesitate to go to McDaniel," said Powers who landed McDaniel as passer, runner and option playmaker.

Did that mean he would risk togging out Bradley in a tear-away jersey? The rules provide that a player with a torn jersey must leave the game for one play while donning suitable attire. The question brought Powers up short.

"We're going to use tearaways for some of our backs," replied the coach. "But do you risk it with your quarterback when you've got a drive going? Bring in somebody who hasn't taken a centersnap the whole game? I'll still have to give that one lots of thought. When you've got a kid like Bradley, the defense might come in and tear his jersey on every play, no matter if he's got he ball or not. I know I'd think about it."

The phrase, "when you've got a kid like Bradley" comes from Powers and quarterback-receiving coach Mike Price with such regularity that one suspects they ingested broken records.

With the completion of his junior year, Bradley possessed almost all of Missouri's career passing records--most attempts 556, most completions 305, highest percentage of completions 529, most yards gained 3720, and lowest percentage of interceptions 2.52 (22 of 556).

In the total offense department, Bradley leads with most plays run (1384) and most yards gained (4518).

This year, he can bring down a hatful of Big Eight records, including Lynn Dickey's (Kansas State, 1968-79) career total offense mark of 5779 yards with even a pedestrian season.

Bradley, given a full and productive season, should be the Big Eight's leading candidate for a Heisman Trophy.

Missouri seems certain to rate from sound to awesome on defense, despite the loss of captain-tackle Kurt Petersen and noseguard Norman Goodman.

Zaven Yaralian believes that the defensive backfield he coaches is the nation's best.

It is built around two-time All-Big Eight selection Eric Wright, a 6-2, 178-pound senior with 4.5 speed from East St. Louis, Ill.

"I wouldn't trade Eric for any other defensive back anywhere," said Yaralian prior to the spring game, adding that Wright would be given his head in the upcoming season. "Eric probably will play more centerfield in our defense. We want him to be in position to cover half the field, to go for the football."

Wright had four interceptions, batted down eight passes, covered three fumbles and led the secondary in tackles with 55 in 1979, figures that Yaralian believes his free safety will improve upon this season.

"Eric's gonna run the show back there," said Yaralian. But he'll have competition. Bill Whitaker, 6-0, 175, 4.58 was the league's interception champ with a six at corner and he will return punts as a senior.

Johnnie Poe, 6-1, 183, 4.5, is skilled and experienced at the other corner and strong safety Kevin (Red) Potter has a full season as a starter under his belt even though he is only a sophomore. Potter, from inner-city St. Louis, is a totally aggressive 5-11, 180-pounder with 4.57 speed who has learned to love the safety blitz.

Yaralian is two deep in skilled, experienced performers at all four secondary posts--deep enough to permit the transfer of Orlando Pope, 5-11, 195, 4.7 to linebacker where the Tigers are no longer thin.

Lester Dickey, 6-3, 220, 4.7 senior, won a starting job a year ago and this spring, took on star quality as he intercepted two passes, recovered a fumble and led his winning Gold team in tackles to be named "outstanding defensive back".

Where the Tigers had only one experienced returnee a year ago, four including Dickey are at the beck and call of coach Carl Reese this time. Ken Harlan (6-2, 200, 4.66), Van Darkow (6-1, 205, 4.8) and Tom Suntrup (6-3, 216, 5.0) are, as oldtimers were fond of saying, hardnosed. Suntrup started as a freshman for Oklahoma before knee surgery stopped him.

David McNeel (6-2, 208, 4.7) moved to linebacker from end and the speedy Pope gives Reese all sorts of options.

Defensive ends are as strong as the defensive backs. Wendell Ray (6-5, 232, 4.7) should finally get the recognition that, curiously, has been denied him up to now. Ray Stephens (6-2, 215, 4.74) and Tony Green (6-2, 223, 4.74) have also started at various times the last two years. Sophomore Kendall Ponder (6-2, 208, 4.85) completes the foursome.

Bennie Smith (6-3, 246, 4.9) is a solid returnee at tackle along with Mark Velten (5-11, 230, 5.1) who started in 1978 but who was out of football a year ago. Switched to tackle from nose was Jeff Gaylord (6-3, 224, 4.7) and also providing depth will be Rod Skillman (6-3, 242, 4.85) who had an excellent spring before he was injured.

Jerome Sally (6-3, 238, 4.78) is an experienced replacement for the departed Goodman at nose but now it is time to get into one of Powers favorite subjects--players you haven't heard about who should perform major roles for Mizzou this autumn.

"There are some good ones," began Powers happily...

Randy Jostes (6-5, 243, 4.87) who saw some playing time as a freshman, will now start at Petersen's vacated tackle post.

Ron Vaughn (6-1, 210, 4.6) did well in few appearances in 1979, but was a standout in the spring as running back.

Tom Hornof (6-5, 232, 4.8) will press the starters at offensive guard.

Tom Woodlard (6-1, 247, 4.85) wound up dead even with Sally for the nose job in the spring.

Fellows who escaped attention while learning a year ago, now has the savvy to use his 4.45 speed as a wideout, thereby giving Bradley a meaningful target on deep patterns.

And Powers will not ignore what he considers an exceptional crop of incoming freshmen this fall--especially the running backs and receivers.

If Powers gave out gold stars to his assistant coaches, Dave Redding, maestro of the weight room, would be sure to get one. Powers is convinced proper training has resulted in reduced injuries and dramatically improved performances.

"Brad Edelman (center) was all disappointed when he discovered his speed in the 40 hadn't improved," Powers disclosed. "But Brad wasn't looking at the whole picture. In a year's time, he picked up 15 pounds, increased his explosion (vertical leap) a couple of inches and was still doing the 40 in 5-flat. I call that improvement."

Dickey picked up 10 pounds, increased his explosion two inches and cut his 40-yard time from 4.8 to 4.68 seconds. Green increased his weight from 210 to 223, maintained his explosion and increased his speed from 4.9 to 4.74. McNeel put on eight pounds of muscle, added three inches to his explosion and increased his speed from 4.95 to 4.77.

"It's the kind of thing that increases your self esteem and helps out the whole team," marveled Powers.

Yep, and it's the kind of thing that makes a coach, who is dead set against blowing "our own horn", nevertheless believe his team can play with anybody.

THE TORK BEHIND THE TIGER'S THROTTLE

Setting the immovable in motion, ala Fran Tarkenton, is a natural for Phil Bradley, who's equally adept on the diamond or the gridiron.

By JIM BAER, *St. Louis Suburban Newspapers*

TO REACH MACOMB, ILL., head north or south on highway 67; access from the east or west is on highway 136. All Illinois roads wind through typically midwestern farming communities. Macomb, both a college and farming community of 22,000, is surrounded by planting grounds as far as the naked eye stretches.

Beautiful banks of fertile loam form the land from which cattle and hogs are raised. This is the good earth where tall corn stalks reach for the sky, and where famers plow and plant barley, oats, soy beans and alfalfa.

Macomb is also home to Phil Bradley, the number-one offensive threat of the Big Eight Conference.

And Macomb is likely where Bradley will setttle after his playing days end. "Did you know that farm land is selling for $2,000 an acre," questions Bradley.

He should know, four of the last five summers, he's help till that rich soil. His love is football and baseball, but his roots run deeply into that thick-dark soil. He's not going to inherit that expensive land. He hopes to bankroll a substantial amount of money, playing pro ball, to back his own agricultural enterprise. "Did you also know a piece of farm equipment could run as much as $90,000," says the calculating senior-to-be, who's completing a degree in personnel management. "I promised my friend Clarke Kelso I'd set him up in business some day if I ever earned that kind of money."

Sitting in the dugout of Simmons Field, Bradley digs his fingers into a baseball. A double-header for Missouri with Oklahoma State is still the better part of an hour away. Bradley fidgets with his belt, adjusts his wrist bands... stares vaguely towards an imaginary outfield. He could just as well be watching alfalfa or red wheat blowing in the breeze.

Bradley is a sinewy-slender type of athlete who absolutely makes things happen on a field of athletic combat. "As quarterback for Missouri," says Warren Powers, Missouri's coach, "He touches the ball on every play. He makes things happen for us." Creativity is Bradley's strong suit. He sets things into motion for Missouri athletics on two major fronts--football as well as baseball.

"I'm the leadoff batter for the ball team. It's my job to get on base; to start things happening. That's also how it goes, from underneath center, on the football field too," he says.

"I guess I'm just not a hoopla-hollar type of guy, I'm not rah-rah, I suppose you'd say I was more of a silent type of leader," offering a personal evaluation.

And that's how Warren Powers wants it. "If he tried to be anything different, it just wouldn't work. He leads us more by example and dedication," says Powers. Freshmen, at Mizzou, relate well to that type of leadership.

Bradley's a gifted two-sport athlete. He has an outside shot at making All-America on two fronts. That would gain him equal stature with Rich Leach from Michigan, or Kirk Gibson of Michigan State. John Stearns, of Colorado 1972-73 was the last two-sport Big Eight conference star.

Bradley's paid a price to reach his level of success. He explains: "I haven't had much of a social life," he confesses. "Yes, it would have been very easy to change my ways, to give in to temption, but I've stuck to the grind. I'v never been much of a social groupie. I hope, someday, to recoup some of these things I've lost somewhere down the line."

Bradley is the kind of guy who has his whole life's plans charted in his head. Nothing is left to chance. His life isn't one of happenstance or indecision.

"He's dedicated...he's a tremendously hard worker...her's a perfectionist," claims his coach. "He's devoted to excellence. He really works hard at every important aspect of the game. He improves on all those little details that makes a player successful." Powers' reference was to the basic fundamentals of quarterbacking: that's passing techniques, quarterback mechanics, etc. "He wants to be as good as he possibly can be. These are the qualities that make a good football player a great one," says Powers. To the MU coach, ability is not the sole factor to make a player great. He gives highest marks to good-solid hard work. "Unfortunately, people in the stands only see helmets from their vantage points," says Powers, "We (the coaches) are able to look inside those helmets and see 18 and 19-year-olds trying as hard as they can."

Powers says Bradley should be named All-America. Both his mettle and performance have twice earned him All Big-Eight honors.

"I'd be awfully disappointed if he wasn't named a pre-season All-America quarterback, he's just that good a player. When a young man does as good a job as he's done, he deserves that reward. He's one of the best to come out of the Big Eight," says Powers.

Powers should know. While assisting both Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne at Nebraska, the Huskers had the talent, the likes of Jerry Tagge, David Humm and Vince Ferragamo.

Going back to his first year as a head coach, Powers was backed up by Jack Thompson, his All-America quarterback at Washington State.

"(Jack) Thompson was a better pure passer than Bradley," claims Powers. "He had a cannon for an arm. But as far as dangerous qualities are concerned, Bradley is far ahead. He has the running ability and throwing skills to possibly equal a Fran Tarkenton. He knows how to move around, and when to sit. He also has a big league arm," says Powers, "you make a mistake on him, and he's gone."

Like last year against Oklahoma. Bradley ran 68-yards off tackle for a TD against the Sooners. That run had Barry Switzer flushed about as red as his bright crimson sweatshirt. The Sooners held on to a 24-22 victory.

Still, Bradley's had his problems at Missouri. He's heard both the catcalls and boos at Faurot Field. Some fans think he's indifferent, pointing to his absence from pre-game team huddles. When the defense is on the field, often, he's helmetless, wearing a Mizzou ball cap, while reclining on the bench.

That's Phil Bradley. Everyone in Columbia knows he's his own man. He's not afraid to criticize a soul, including his head coach. Each holds professional respect for the other. "I am the kind of person who likes to be talked TO, not AT," says Bradley stoically. "I don't like a coach looking directly over my shoulder. I like to be my own boss. However, I never criticize a fellow player. When they make mistakes, they already feel bad enough."

If he thinks a coach has erred, he's not afraid to speak out. "I didn't care for the

conservative approach Coach (Powers) took in the second half of our two bowl games: the Liberty in '78 or the Hall of Fame last year." Bradley's game, as always, is high-throttled offense.

struck a peaceful co-existence. After all, Powers is the boss. "I call the plays, I'm the leader of this team," says Powers firmly. "You can only have one real leader and we already have a lot of chiefs."

Have we ever disagreed? "I've never had any difficulties with Phil on the field, I'm sure he's disagreed with me," says his coach. "You disagree with your boss, I'm sure, but he has the last say."

That's how it works at Mizzou. Oh, sure, Bradley would like to call his own plays. He has audible options to check off plays at the line of scrimmage. But Powers wants all those worries handled on the sidelines, or high atop in the press box. In high school, Bradley called his own plays, running the veer offense for Macomb.

When Bradley arrived at Missouri, indeed, his presence quickly provoked a rude awakening. He was actually recruited more by Gene McArtor for baseball than Dick Jamieson for football. It was the balance of the two sports, and the persuasiveness and persistence of Jamieson that landed the multi-talented youngster at Missouri.

"I was not an egotistical type of athlete who thought I had to start immediately," says Bradley, allowing his mind to drift back to the early days of 1977 under Al Onofrio.

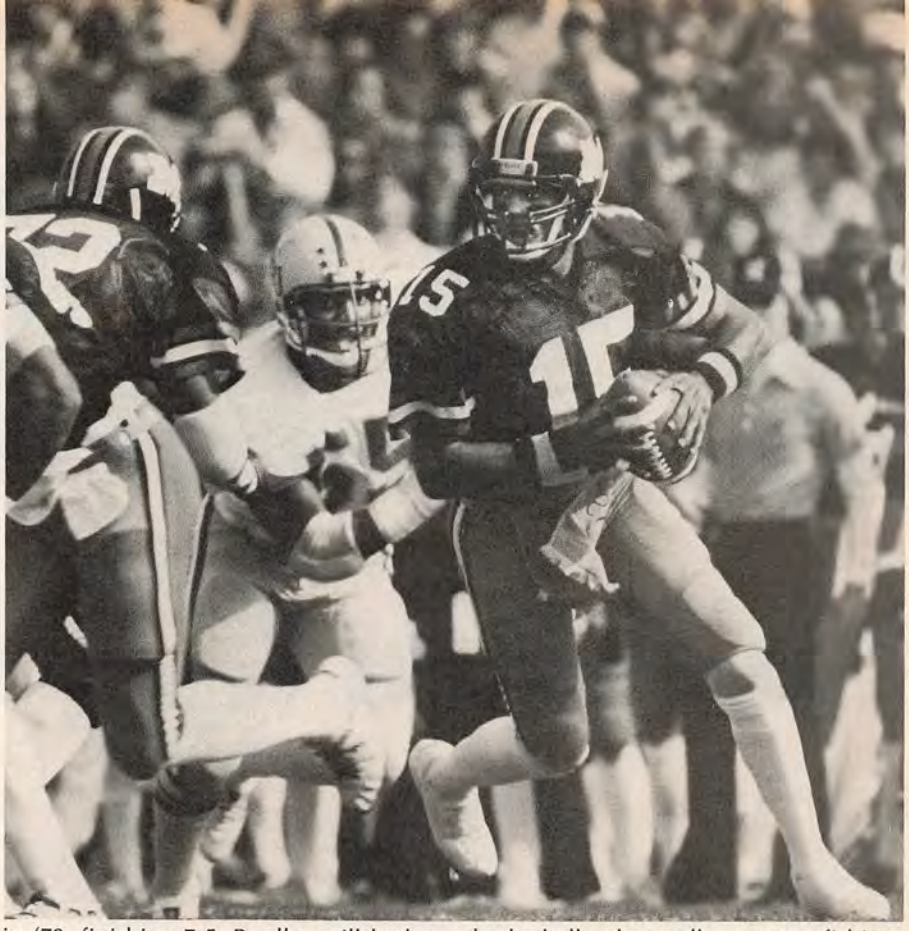
In the opening game with Southern Cal, at Mizzou, Pete Woods went down with ligament damage, and Bradley was summoned into the fray in the second quarter. "I really didn't have time to think about the situation. A strong safety lifted me up, and slammed me to the ground...hard. It didn't take me long to realize I was out of my league," he clearly recalls.

An 11-7 loss at Illinois, and other disappointments for an erratic Bradley gave him considerable personal pain. His baptism was a rude one. Reporters tended to badger him.

However, the situation came full circle his sophomore season. Entrenched in the starting job, he was quickly winging completions to All-America Kellen Winslow, to Lamont Downers and Leo Lewis. He had a 60.2 completion mark, placing him third highest in the nation. He began by orchestrating a 3-0 win over Notre Dame on the road. From there, he led Missouri to an 8-4 record, including a convincing win over LSU in the Liberty Bowl.

Powers was named the 1978 Walter Camp Foundation "Coach of the Year" and Bradley was drawing the attention of all seven Big Eight conference rivals.

Although the Tigers stumbled a step



in '79, finishing 7-5, Bradley still had a solid season, completing 53 percent of his passes. He led Missouri to a Hall of Fame rout of South Carolina.

By the time the sling-shot hurler finishes his fourth campaign, he will have broken a number of Missouri records in both passing and total offense. He is inching up the charts set by the late-great Paul Christman, by Gary Lane, Steve Pisarkieqicz, by Pete Woods and Terry McMillan.

Still Powers says Bradley has room for improvement. "I definitely think he can improve from his previous three years," figures the coach. "We can utilize his talents more as our players continue to adapt to our offensive."

The wiry back has come quite a ways since first doning the pads back at Edison Junior High in Macomb. Then, a 5-8, 145 pounders, he was first learning the rudiments of the game. His first love was then, and is now, baseball.

"I've played baseball much longer," he says. He played four years with the varsity at Macomb. He once hit safely in 33-consecutive games.

Even today, Bradley is foremost a family man. He learned a great deal about sports from his dad, William. His brother, Rey, played college sports, his 19-year-old sister, Ann, attends Indiana University; Cathy, age 11, is still in grade school.

Born in Bloomington, Ind.; raised first in Virginia, then Illinois, Bradley's been committed to work and athletics all his life. In his rare spare moments, he enjoys golf (shoots in the low 40's), watches television sports, especially college basketball, takes walks, or goes fishing.

His goal, as always, has been professional athletics. He believes the money he hopes to make, will fulfill most of his other dreams.

He doesn't have an agent yet, and he's irked that pro scouts measure his true height at 5-11¼. He calls the present the "option phase" or "cross-roads" of his life.

He could go to baseball or football. He's being touted as a quarterback, or wide receiver. In baseball, he likely will play center or right. Canadian football is a possibility. He thrives on constant pressure.

Powers lets his gifted athletes go to spring sports, from their sophomore season on, if they are strong contributors. By that, they must start in baseball, or be a solid point-getter in track. Bradley's managed to hit .336 through the first 31 games of this season.

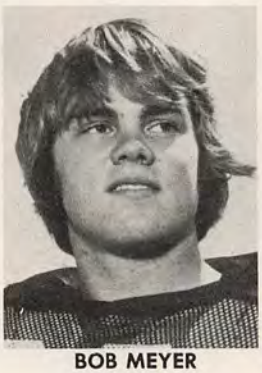
What are his ultimate goals? "I think I'd like to coach football or manage a business. I have my own ideas about how to go about winning," he says. That's, of course, after pro sports opportunities have passed.

Bradley doesn't see himself as much of a celebrity. He's never been flashy or flamboyant. As a matter of fact, on the street, often he goes unrecognized. "I go to sign something," says Bradley, "and they say, 'hey, is that really you--Phil Bradley?'"

But ask the folks at Norman, Lincoln, Boulder or Champaign, they don't need a program to recognize number "15" They've all seen Phil Bradley on the move before.

LESTER DICKEY

JOHNNIE POE



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95	Baron, Chris	DE	6-4	205	So.	Springfield, MO
	Bishop, Rick	K	5-9	230	Fr.	Kansas City, MO
33	Blackwell, Elijah	DE	6-1½	208	So.	St. Louis, MO
82	Blair, Ken	SE	6-2	190	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
	Boyer, Dave	DE	6-2	218	So.	Hermann, MO
3	Brockhaus, Jeff	K	6-3	195	Sr.	Brentwood, MO
10	Brown, Steve	SE	6-3	175	So.	East St. Louis, MO
	Bruns, Tony	OG	6-3	220	So.	Danville, IL
	Bruto, Kevin	K	5-10	170	Fr.	Butler, MO
	Burgess, Brad	OG	6-2	220	So.	Strafford, MO
	Caver, Jim	SE	5-9	160	So.	Waynesville, MO
13	Crapo, Steve	SS	6-0	185	Sr.	Laguna Niguel, CA
79	Crumbacher, Chuck	DT	6-6	255	So.	Alton, IL
48	Darkow, Van	SLB	6-1	195	Jr.	Columbia, MO
	Davis, Rod	FL	5-10	165	So.	Lathrop, MO
	Diaz, Rick	RB	5-9½	185	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
34	Dickey, Lester	WLB	6-2½	215	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
	Downey, Dennis	OT	6-6	260	So.	Stewartsville, MO
	Draves, Brian	SE	6-1	175	So.	St. Louis, MO
	Driskell, Jeff	OG	6-2	220	Fr.	St. Peters, MO
2	Duff, Pat	FL	6-3	185	Sr.	Washington, MO
55	Edelman, Brad	C	6-5½	255	Jr.	Creve Coeur, MO
78	Ekern, Andy	OG	6-6	220	So.	Mexico, MO
57	Evans, Craig	NG	6-4	220	So.	Lebanon, MO
8	Fellows, Ron	FL	6-0	170	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
	Fletcher, Keith	CB	6-1	180	So.	California, MO
	French, Greg	DT	6-4	260	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
53	Gadt, Paul	C	6-1	220	Sr.	Higginsville, MO
46	Gaylord, Jeff	DT	6-3	215	Sr.	Overland Park, KS
83	Gibler, Andy	TE	6-4	215	So.	Grandview, MO
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6	Hairston, Raymond	FS	6-3	175	So.	Springfield, MO
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27	Hoffman, Duncan	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
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	Jones, Terry	FL	6-1	195	So.	Columbia, MO
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	Johnson, Marvin	RB	6-0	195	So.	Potosi, MO
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39	Judd, Ken	SLB	6-2	205	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
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67	Laster, Bernard	OG	6-2	235	So.	Marshall, MO
69	Lechner, Stan	OG	6-3	230	Sr.	Aurora, MO
50	Leiding, Fred	C	6-2	245	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
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	Lopina, Mike	NG	6-0	214	Jr.	Saratoga, CA
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	Mehlberg, Ken	R	6-0	173	Jr.	Madison, WI
20	Meyer, Bob	RB	5-10	195	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
62	Milla, John	OG	6-4	220	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
4	Miller, Tom	SE	6-2	175	Jr.	Omaha, NE
6	Pelek, Leo Jr.	SS	6-0	185	Jr.	Granite City, IL
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26	Scott, James	RB	6-1	194	Jr.	Rochester, NY
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	Smith, Mike	RB	5-11	190	Jr.	Chicago, IL
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Terry Hill
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Ron Vaughn
(6-1, 208, Jr.)

PHIL BRADLEY
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Dan McDaniel
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Ron Fellows
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Pat Duff
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(6-3, 220, Sr.)

Wayne Washington
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Rich Wherle
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STAN LEHCHNER
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Tom Anderson
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BRAD EDELMAN
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Fred Leiding
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Kevin Sadler
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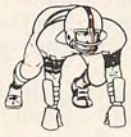

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Randy Jostes
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Craig Evans
(6-4, 220, So.)

Jerome Sally
(6-3, 238, Jr.)
Tom Woodland
(6-1, 247, Jr.)

BENNIE SMITH
(6-3, 246, Jr.)
Jeff Gaylord
(6-3, 224, Sr.)

WENDELL RAY
(6-5, 232, Sr.)
Kendall Ponder
(6-2, 208, So.)

Van Darkow
(6-1, 195, Jr.)
Dave McNeel
(6-3, 210, Jr.)

LESTER DICKEY
(6-3, 220, Sr.)
Ken Harlan
(6-3, 197, Jr.)

JOHNNIE POE
(6-1, 183, Sr.)
Duncan Hoffman
(5-10, 175, Jr.)

BILL WHITAKER
(6-0, 175, Sr.)
Chip Powell
(5-10, 180, Sr.)

KEVIN POTTER
(5-11, 180, So.)
Steve Crapo
(6-0, 185, Sr.)

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DEPTH CHART

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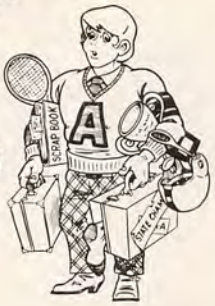
"Freshman Harvest"



This full house can carry the Tigers to the summit.

By JIM BAER, *St. Louis Suburban Newspapers*

WARREN POWERS IS PLAYING for high stakes in the Big Eight's recruiting poker game. Around his table are seated Barry Switzer, Chuck Fairbanks, and Tom Osborne.

This game isn't played in the back room of some rear-alley bar, but in the living rooms around the country where the principles in this contest make their pitch to the parents and the best high school football players in America.

Powers has learned a bit about the rules and a good bluff, or two, since last year when several of the big ones ended in Switzer's hand. This year Powers drew a straight flush. "You deal," says Powers to Switzer. "Gimme two...I'll raise you two and call you...let me see your cards." If that isn't bad enough, coaches from the Big 10, the Southwest Conference, the ACC and the Southeast are all ready to deal in.

Powers always has a fire-fight to keep firm control of his home turf. "We try and recruit the bulk of our players from a 150-mile radius of Columbia." says Powers, "For any team to be successful, you must control your own territory."

Powers and his Bengal Tigers took a big step toward that goal this year. He rounded up the three top Missouri runningbacks: All-America George Shorthose of nearby Jefferson City; All-America runningback Brad Griffie of Hannibal; and All-Stater Tracey Mack of St. Louis (Webster Groves).

Any of the card sharks would have gladly accepted that hand.

"To run a truly great program, you must get players the caliber of a George Shorthose," bellowed long-time recruiting coordinator Clay Cooper, months before commitments were made.

The signing of Shorthose dashed the hopes of Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Ohio State, Nebraska and others. Over his three year prep career, Shorthose rewrote 11 Jeff City records. At 6-1, 185 he is a remarkable two-way back. He totalled a staggering 4,033 yards in three years, crossed the goal line 60 times and averaged 10.5 yards per carry his senior year. That mark was 17.0 yards per carry his junior season. In addition, he was named to two All-America teams (Parade Magazine and Scholastic Coaches) and led Jeff City to two state 4A titles and a runner-up finish his senior year.

Then there's Griffie. What a raw-boned athlete he is. A newcomer to the game, Griffie, 6-3, 205 was All-State and All-America, scampering for 1,823 yards this year for Hannibal High while averaging 10.7 yards per carry, and tallied an amazing 32-senior-year TD's.

Of course there's more. The best of all could be St. Louisan Tracey Mack. A tackle, converted to fullback and linebacker, Mack runs a 4.5 40, covers 100 meters in 10.2 seconds and rushed for 1,021 yards, scored 15 times and averaged 6.6 yards per carry. His team (Webster Groves) won the Missouri 4A title over Jeff City. And his brightest future, likely, is at linebacker. At 6-1, 205, he was picked All-Metro and All-State; if you like Oklahoma's George Cumby, you'll love Tracey Mack.

Powers loves all three. Visions of a backfield with James Wilder and the trio of freshmen have him humming a victory tune. At least he drew a full house.

"Of course I've not seem all the Big Eight running backs recruited, but these guys are as good as any signed in the conference," beams Powers. "Griffie comes from a smaller school, but he has great size and speed. Shorthose comes from a perennial championship team, and Mack has great potential...and well, they all have three similar qualities: good size, excellent strength and good speed," says Powers.

That euphoria spilled over to the wide receiver slot. Newcomers are Curtland Thomas (6-0, 170) 4.5 in the 40 of Sumner High in St. Louis; All Big Eight School Boy star Tony Davis (6-4, 205) of Air Force Academy High, Colorado Springs; and All-State wide receiver/defensive back Craig White (6-2, 180) of Lawrence, Kansas. Powers continues to make his presence be felt out-of-state: he's having the usual tussle with a horde of marauders in St. Louis and Kansas City.

About the three speed-burning receivers, Thomas was signed from the clutches of Oklahoma; about Davis, check that one with Chuck Fairbanks. And White: can't say enough about raiding a Big Eight home base.

Talents? Thomas gathered in 29 passes for 912 yards and 10 TD's. He was All-Metro, All-District, and All-State second team.

Davis is cut from the mold of the late-great J. V. Cain (Colorado and St. Louis Football Cardinals). He's a blessed receiver who gains the outside swiftly.

"Tony Davis is a big, strong type of pass catcher," says Powers. "He's 6-4 and really goes after the ball. Thomas is a very good outside deep threat. And let me tell you about Craig White. He's one of the best competitors I've seen. He returns punts, kickoffs, plays wide receiver, and defensive back, and was a standout in the Kansas State championship game, playing with a cracked sternum," explains Powers proudly.

Cooper too likes his crop of receivers. "We return Andy Gibler (All Big Eight freshman tight end), we get Thomas and Davis to go with James Lockette and Reco Hawkins, we could be back to the Winslow..Downer..Lewis era."

As a matter of record, some 60 St. Louis bi-state metro players signed Division I letters this year. Naturally, Mizzou lost some. In a bitter battle, Powers lost east side quarterback Alvin Jones (East St. Louis-the Illinois 5A champs) and Ron Raglin (Alton, Ill.) to Tennessee and Southern University (Louisiana) respectively. Mansel Carter (6-9 defense end of Assumption, East St. Louis) signed with Notre Dame, as did Kansas City tackle John Walsh of Rockhurst.

Powers wasn't happy to lose Raglin and Jones. This is Phil Bradley's last campaign. "They were very good quarterbacks, and we hated to lose them, but they decided they were better off somewhere else, and away they went," says Powers.

He did land two quarterbacks with excellent credentials. Arriving are wishbone quarterback Kerry Holloway (6-1, 182) of Cape Girardeau Central and the late addition of Brad Perry, a 6-3, 180-pounder from nearby Trenton, Mo. Holloway, discovered at Power's summer camp, threw for 1,004 yards, hitting on 55.6 percent of his passes, good for 28-TD's and 3,200 yards over two varsity seasons.

Always looking for rangy linemen, this list bulged with nine freshmen additions. Newly established is the Texas connection, constructed by southerner George Wheeler.

Scott McDowell (originally from Missouri) a 6-7, 230 pound two-way tackle from Friendswood, Texas inked, along with a pair of bookend teammates from Sam Houston High in Arlington, Dennis Sheldon and Robert Curry. Sheldon is a 225 pound tackle who stands 6-4, and Curry measures in at 6-4, 250.

Powers says McDowell has tremedous growth potential and is "a big rangy kid." About Sheldon and Curry, he says "They both have excellent speed and quickness."

Add to that list, 6-7, 230 pound tackle Conrad Goode of St. Louis (Parkway Central). Goode, son of former pro Irv Goode, selected Mizzou over Notre Dame, Michigan, Ohio State and others.

Defensive backs of the future include: Kip Cross, a savage 175 pounder from Edwardsville, Ill. and Terry Matichak, a 6-2, 180 pound (4.5) defensive back from Dolton, Ill. Matichak is from both the same school, (Thornridge), and mold of former M.U. defensive sensation Russ Calabrese.

Linebackers: The Tigers need some. Look for the conversion of Cape Central center Kip Hamby (6-3, 205); plus the addition of Darrel Williams (6-0, 200 pounder) from East Prairie, Mo.; and Tom Carruthers, a 6-1, 195 pounder from Providence High in Joliet, Ill.

Carruthers, a two-way back from a small Chicago school rushed for more than a thousand yards after recovering from an early season broken ankle.

The top defensive prospect may end up in junior college for a year. June grades determined the fate of 6-7, 230 pound end sensation Ron Roddy of Mercy High of St. Louis. He has all the tools to be a great one.

This is Powers third time around the Missouri recruiting horn-and likely his best effort. Of course, he lost some. But so does everybody. Three Illinois prospects backed out after signing conference letters.

But Missouri coaches insist that it takes two years to make a true evaluation. Playing a good hand, this may be a very good draw.

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physically dominating defense, but we can have a highly successful defense. Enthusiasm and pride persisted through spring practice. We had five weeks of pure fundamentals and that's boring. But they (the players) agreed with us. They wanted the same things we wanted. And they went about it the way we wanted to go about it."

Darnell feels the main area of improvment will be against the pass. The Wildcats yielded only five TD passes in 1979, but came up with a modest 10 interceptions. The entire first unit secondary was lost after the third game, but that's a blessing now because the injuries gave opportunity and experience to cornerbacks Gary Morrill (4.5) and Greg Best (4.5) and free safety Mike Kopsky, the former pro baseballer.

This trio finished the season as starters and held their positions in spring drills. Juco transfer Jim Morris joins them at strong safety. Phil Switzer, who possesses some of the best physical tools on the squad, Steve Schuster and juco transfer Frank Gildea also are available in the secondary.

Linebacker also has some depth, particularly if 6-3, 205-pound juco All-American Will Cokeley recovers from the ankle injury that sidelined him in the spring. "He's got to come back in top physical shape and ready to compete or he'll be redshirted," says Dickey.

The Wildcats are expected to go more with a 4-3 defensive front--last season it was 4-4--and two of the linebacker positions are in good hands. Cole led the team in tackles in 1979 (he was in on 129) and Vic Koenning also is solid. Don Ruzick, oft-injured Kent McNorton and Cokeley also are in the picture.

But Darnell says the third linebacking spot is open. "Finding somebody there is the biggest objective of two-a-day practices," he says. "We've got to put a proven, quality player there." The most experienced candidate is Ronnie Wilson, who hasn't been effective since being hurt two-thirds of the way through last season. His injury later was diagnosed as a stress fracture.

Walker, a big-play specialist who made 14 tackles behind the line of scrimmage in 1979, and maturing 6-7, 240 pound Wade Wentling loom as the ends, although Darnell puts 6-6, 255 pound Steve Clark in their class. D.L. Johnson also is a quality senior there, but his 1979 season was shortened by an elbow injury and he also was hurt in the spring.

Vic Koenning (24) leads a Wildcat blockade which smothers the Cowboys' Harold Bailey (12).

The tackles in the four-man front probably will be senior Monte Bennett ("An improved player," says Darnell) and still-another juco transfer--Mike Simeta, 6-5, 255-pounder out of Mira Costa in California. "He has strength, speed ad agility, plus the proper amount of desire," Darnell understated.

Offensively, the running backs in the spring were mostly newcomers since L. J. Brown, last season's leading rusher with 668 yards, was held out of contact because of a chronic back problem and steady Jeff Meyers, the fullback backup to the graduating Roosevelt Duncan, pulled a hamstring. Meyers did come back to pound out 72 yards on 15 carries in the final scrimmage.

Offensive backfield coach Jim Donnan described Ernie Coleman, a 5-10, 175 pound product of Coffeyville juco, as a "Mack Green type," referring to the Wildcat's all-purpose threat of a couple of seasons ago. "He's quick and catches the ball real good coming out of the backfield," says Donnan.

Then there's a big back, Pete Brown, 6-1 and 195, from San Bernadino Valley in California. "He's a strong runner and adequate blocker," says Donnan. "We need to be more adequate in short-yardage situations and he could help there."

And K-State may have picked up a bonus in Kenny Smith, a walkon from Independence juco with 4.5 speed. He didn't attract a lot of attention from recruiters because of injuries. "He ran a 9.8 100 in high school and can play both running back and fullback," says Donnan. The redshirt fullback Rawn Williams, 6-2, 215 and injury-plagued

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Hoppy Milner also could earn playing time.

"We feel we've acquired depth," says Donnan of the backfield situation. "These guys were given a lot of looks in scrimmages and benefitted from the emphasis we put on the running game during the spring."

Darryl Black, a running back last season, was switched to flanker in the spring and was impressive. He and Liebe, who averaged 19.2 yards on a team-high 22 catches last season, will be the wide receivers with Roman Bates the top backup. Doug Catloth, who played some behind Eddy Whitley, and redshirt Mike Cox are competing at tight end.

This will be the first season in the Dickey regime where the No. 1 quarterback in the last game returns for the first game of the new season. The Wildcats started both 1978 and 1979 with little-used seniors, Dan Manucci (now with Buffalo) and Sheldon Paris, respectively. Dickey took over when Paris was injured and sometimes playd like a polished veteran--particularly in guiding a 19-3 upset of Missouri at Columbia.

"He showed remarkable poise as a freshman," says Donnan. "I've been associated with him since the 10th grade and he's a coaches' type player. He's a hard worker and knows the game well. He has so much confidence in himself and so do the players. And his arm strength has improved remarkably the last two years."

The 6-2, 185-pound Dickey isn't a burner (4.9), but has the knack of scrambling from trouble. He hit 71 of 140 passes for 895 yards in his rookie season, but will have to reduce the 14 interceptions he threw.

Neither of Dickey's backups have experience, but both Doug Bogue, a former walkon, and redshirt Bob Daniels showed potential in the spring. The coaches say all their eggs aren't in the Dickey basket.

"It didn't take us long to give Bogue a scholarship," says Donnan. "He's a lot like Darrell in that he has the confidence of the other players. He has a Dan Manucci-type arm. We won't hesitate to put him in early."

In the line, offensive coordinator Carl Selmer wrangled Mike Ruzick, a 247-pounder, from the defense and he made a successful spring conversion to the strong-side tackle spot. He'll line up next to 263-pound guard Kerry Wilson (4.8). The other side features 255-pound guard Donaldson (4.8), probably the Cat's best offensive lineman, and 249-pound Doug Hoppock (4.9). There's a three-way fight for the center job among Doug Taylor, Pat Sura and Jim Kennedy.

"We're a little more experienced and should be improved," says Selmer of the offensive line. "We have a little better depth with Jeff Stevens and Tom Menas (both juco additions). And we've got four sophomores coming up. We recruited with the offensive line in mind a year ago."

The punter is proven. Senior Don Birdsey has punted 128 times the last two seasons, averaging 41.0 and 39.6 yards. Place kicking, a disaster area the last two seasons, remains a question mark although Jim Jackson earned consideration for 1980 by booting two field goals against Colorado.

James Walker (55) measures Harry Sydney (24) before plucking this Jayhawk.

Ernie Coleman
(5-11, 175, Jr.)
L. J. BROWN
(6-3, 200, Sr.)
Kenny Smith
(5-10, 200, Jr.)

Jeff Meyers
(6-0, 195, Jr.)
Pete Brown
(6-1, 200, Jr.)

DARRELL RAY DICKEY
(6-2, 190, So.)
Doug Bogue
(6-1, 192, So.)

Darryl Black
(5-9, 192, Sr.)
Rich Manning
(6-0, 178, So.)

Doug Catloth
(6-5, 225, So.)
Mike Cox
(6-2, 225, So.)

Mike Ruzich
(6-4, 250, Sr.)
Jeff Stevens
(6-3, 250, So.)

KERRY WILSON
(6-3, 258, Sr.)
Kerry Benton
(6-1, 240, So.)

Doug Taylor
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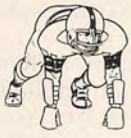

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JAMES WALKER
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Greg Pemberton
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Mike Simeta
(6-4, 255, Jr.)
Donald Walker
(6-4, 240, So.)

MONTE BENNETT
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Stu McKinnon
(6-2, 220, So.)

Wade Wentling
(6-7, 235, Jr.)
Steve Clark
(6-6, 255, Sr.)

Jim Morris
(6-2, 185, Jr.
Bob Kerr
(6-2, 205, So.)

TIM COLE
(6-4, 212, Sr.)
Rick Lewis
(6-1, 210, So.)

VIC KOENNING
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Kent McNorton
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RONNIE WILSON
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D. L. JOHNSON
(6-3, 220, Sr.)

Gary Morrill
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Gary Anderson
(5-11, 170, Jr.)

Greg Best
(5-10, 180, So.)
PHIL SWITZER
(5-10, 180, Jr.)

Mike Kopsky
(6-3, 210, So.)
Steve Schuster
(6-0, 185, Sr.)

DEPTH CHART

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IN THE JACK LAMBERT MOLD

Not a household name, but among Big 8 linebackers, Tim Cole ranks with the best of 'em.

By **BOB HENTZEN,** *Topeka Capital-Journal*

IF THE ENTIRE POPULATION of Moran, Kan., turned out at KSU Stadium, it wouldn't fill a section. But a few years back this small town in the southeast part of the state produced a Miss America, Debbie Barnes.

There's a sign, naturally, at the city limits proclaiming that Moran is the home of a Miss America. Perhaps the city council ought to see if there's money in the budget for another sign bragging that Tim Cole hails from there.

He hasn't always lived there. But he's a small-town boy all the way.

One of his early thrills, as a sixth-grader, was getting to play at halftime of the Iola High games. There's sunshine on his face. "He's always friendly," says Kansas State defensive coordinator Gary Darnell. "He smiles and laughs a lot." And he'll chew some Red Man, something he started back in high school. "Just about everybody chewed in our class," Cole says. "I don't chew much in these games--it's hard when you wear a mouthpiece. At Coffeyville, I didn't wear a mouthpiece."

Don't be embarrassed if you don't recognize Cole's name, although he did get a smidgin of recognition last season when he was twice Kansas State's defensive player of the week (Kansas and Colorado games) and earned a second unit spot on the UPI all-conference team.

The 6-4, 210-pound linebacker has played just one season of big time football at K-State, but Darnell doesn't stutter when mentioning Cole's name in the same sentence with Pittsburgh Steelers standout Jack Lambert.

"Physically, he's like Jack Lambert," says Darnell, "Especially if he can put on 10 more pounds. He plays like Jack Lambert. He can run (4.8), change directions and has great intensity to compete. Oh, how he works. He's really different. He thinks every football player works like he does. He doesn't realize that he works so much harder than they do."

Cole came to Kansas State in 1979 a virtually unrecruited, 195-pound junior college tackle. You know what the market for those are in the Big Eight. But maybe it's not surprising that Cole is cutting the mustard in the Big Eight.

Football has been THE thing in his life, he'll tell you, since he was five years old and played in the yard with brothers Chris and Rusty and sister Jayne. Football overshadowed everything by plenty, as least until recently.

"I didn't go out and socialize, I'm pretty shy," he says. "And I used to not be interested in school, but now I'm getting into school work. I like art. I do sketches, abstract art. I've got about 14 of them at home. But sometimes I feel there's not enough going on in my life besides football."

Cole probably is more complicated than his small-town boy exterior reflects. "I used to be hyper," he says. "I had to be doing something, moving around, all the time. I couldn't sit down and talk to someone like I'm talking to you. But I can feel myself calming down."

All that energy comes in handy on the football field where Cole simply loves hitting opponents. "My favorite player was Dick Butkus (the Bears' Hall of Fame linebacker)," he says. "He still is overall. Contact is a lot of fun. If you want to play football, you've got to love it."

If pressed, Cole will tell you about some of his best sticks. Yeah, defensive players remember 'em just like quarterbacks never erase the touchdown passes from their memories.

"One time at Coffeyville, blocking on a punt return, I hit this guy from the blind side and knocked him out. I got a lot of good sticks last year. Against Nebraska, I got Craig Johnson and put him out of the game for awhile. Those things are exciting inside, but I don't show it outside."

And when Cole is on the receiving end of a big hit? "I respect him for it," he says. "I take it as part of the game."

Cole was a noseguard and tight end at Moran High. "Football is the main sport there," says the son of an electrician. "We always had good teams. But the Three Rivers League (it's class 2A with such schools as Crest, Central Heights, Prairie View, Uniontown and Pleasanton) is not recognized."

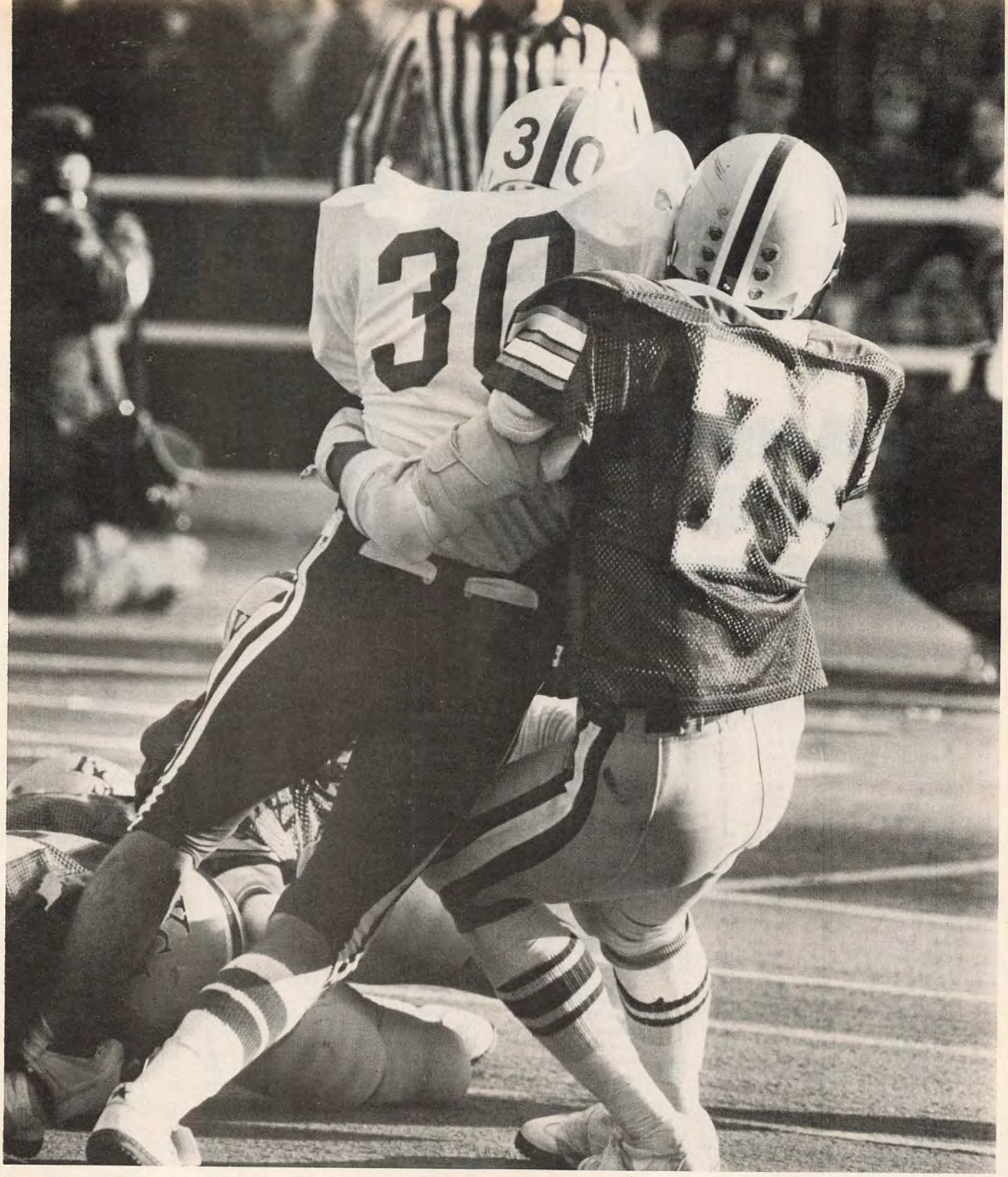
Letters from Pittsburgh State and Baker were the only evidence that college football recruiters knew Cole existed. Thus, he walked on at Coffeyville, where Dick Foster perennially fields a junior college power. There currently are eight former Coffeyville players at K-State.

"Coffeyville was a lot of fun as far as football was concerned," says Cole. "It was like a boot camp. We had meetings in the morning. We had meetings before practice. We'd practice for 3½ hours. Then we'd eat and sometimes have more meetings."

This was during preseason practice? "No," answers Cole, "the whole season. It was pretty rough, but it was best for the team. It was the right thing to do."

In his two years at Coffeyville, Cole played defensive tackle packing those 195 pounds. "I was going against guys 6-4, 230 and bigger," he relates. "They were as big as Big Eight linemen."

Still, he earned all-league honors on the 1979 Red Raven team that finished 10-1 and played in the Coca Cola Bowl.



Recruiters, though, again weren't flocking around him.

"Most people thought I was too small," he says. "I visited Louisville and talked on the phone to Texas-Arlington. I liked K-State because I wanted to stay close to home."

The Wildcats did have coaches looking at Cole, but defensive coordinator Darnell was not one of them. "One day I was at Northeastern A&M (in Tahlequah, Okla.) and I said, "Let me see your film of the Coffeyville game,'" Darnell recalls. "I saw a guy in that film playing like I'd never seen before."

When Cole arrived in Manhattan, the K-State staff became even more convinced it had a player. "He didn't know anything about linebacker, but 'sic 'em,'" says Darnell. "He'd never played a stand-up position, and there's a great difference between playing with hands on the ground and standing up. But in only took one drill before we felt like we had something."

The coaches, considering that Cole was a rookie in the position and in the program, had him penciled in to be a backup linebacker in 1979. But he started all 11 games, playing both inside and outside linebacker, and turned in some sparkling performances. He was in on 129 tackles, 61 unassisted and 3 behind the line of scrimmage.

"I thought he'd be a good player," beams K-State headman Jim Dickey, "but he's got a chance to be a great player."

Look out Debbie Barnes. You've got competition as the most famous citizen of Moran.

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29	Anderson, Gary	CB	5-11	172	Jr.	Sterling, KS
57	Andrade, Tony	OT	5-9	220	Fr.	Kansas City, KS
17	Bachman, Stan	K	6-0	185	Sr.	Hiawatha, KS
84	Bates, Roman	WR	6-1	158	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
62	Bayer, Brent	OL	6-2	250		St. Marys, KS
15	Best, Greg	CB	5-10	180	So.	Beaver Falls, PA
60	Bennett, Monte	DT	6-4	244	Sr.	Sterling, KS
70	Benton, Kerry	OG	6-1	241	So.	Wichita, KS
7	Bingham, Bruce	CB	5-10	160		Manhattan, KS
9	Birdsey, Don	P	5-10	175	Sr.	Friendswood, TX
2	Black, Darryl	FL	5-9	194	Sr.	Newark, NJ
13	Bogue, Doug	QB	6-1	193	So.	Wichita, KS
53	Brehm, John	LB	5-10	160	So.	Mt. Vernon, IL
34	Brown, Louis	RB	6-3	193	Sr.	Holder, FL
25	Brown, Pete	RB	6-1	199	Jr.	San Bernardino Valley, CA
23	Buck, Richard	WR	6-1	180	So.	Amarillo, TX
95	Carr, Randy	TE	6-1	209	So.	Excelsior Springs, MO
88	Catloth, Doug	TE	6-5	225	So.	Lawrence, KS
76	Clark, Steve	DT	6-5	253	Sr.	Columbus, OH
71	Cole, Tim	LB	6-4	201	Sr.	Moran, KS
45	Coleman, Ernie	RB	5-10	170	Jr.	Coffeyville, KS
11	Cooper, Scott	WR	6-2	180	So.	Garnett, KS
80	Cox, Mike	TE	6-2	225	So.	Wichita, KS
14	Daniels, Bob	QB	6-2	190	Jr.	Visalia, CA
4	Dickey, Darrell	QB	6-1	191	So.	Manhattan, KS
64	Donaldson, Amos	OG	6-2	260	Jr.	Norton, KS
30	DuBois, Robert	DB	5-10	187		Manhattan, KS
87	Elder, Lynn	TE	6-4	215	So.	Seneca, KS
27	Ewing, Jerry	DB	5-7	170	Fr.	Emporia, KS
93	Foote, Mitchell	LB	6-1	201	Sr.	Peabody, KS
21	Gale, Darren	QB	5-9	190	So.	Phillipsburg, KS
32	Garrett, Darnell	RB	5-10	179	So.	Chapel Hill, NC
9	Gildea, Frank	DB	6-0	175	Jr.	Citrus Jr. College, CA
92	Gouldie, Tim	LB	6-1	211	So.	Mankato, KS
38	Grasso, Ed	CB	5-9	191	Sr.	Oelwein, IA
16	Green, Jim	DB	5-10	185	So.	Manhattan, KS
45	Hoehne, Ernie	LB	5-11	177	So.	Sterling, KS
77	Hoppock, Doug	OG	6-4	249	Jr.	Wichita, KS
53	Horner, Bart	OG	6-5	230	So.	Grandview, MO
61	Houghton, Charles	LB	5-10	207		Leawood, KS
7	Jackson, Jim	K	6-0	182	Jr.	Camdenton, MO
36	Johnson, Ken	RB	5-7	161	So.	Junction City, KS
56	Kennedy, Jim	C	6-1	220	So.	Upper St. Clair, PA
22	Kerr, Bob	CB	6-2	205	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
24	Koenning, Vic	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Owasso, OK
8	Kopsky, Mike	FS	6-3	211	So.	St. Louis, MO
90	Kratzer, Kent	TE	5-9	144	So.	Geneseo, KS
17	Lauridsen, Scott	WR	6-3	185	So.	Baldwin, KS
18	Liebe, John	SE	5-11	178	Jr.	Manhattan, KS
37	Letourneau, David	FS	5-9	170	So.	Concordia, KS
81	Lewis, Rick	LB	6-1	210	So.	Wichita, KS
39	McClintock, Lyndon	LB	6-1	204	So.	Simpson, KS
67	McKinnon, Stuart	LB	6-1	220		Topeka, KS
89	Mackey, Mark	S	6-2	189	So.	Olathe, KS
6	Maples, Mark		6-3	196	So.	Peabody, KS
78	Menas, Tom	OL	6-4	262	So.	Coffeyville, KS
40	Meyers, Jeff	FB	6-0	196	Jr.	Olathe, KS
63	Michenko, David	OL	6-4	250	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
33	Milner, Hoppy	FB	6-2	224	Jr.	Columbus, OH
28	Morrill, Gary	CB	5-11	175	So.	Manhattan, KS
47	Morris, Jim	FB	6-2	218	So.	St. Louis, MO
66	Murray, Tim	OG	6-3	247	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
72	Northcutt, Jim	OG	6-5	252	So.	Tulsa, OK
99	Orr, Mike	LB	6-3	222	So.	Ulysses, KS
12	Patterson, Gary	DB	5-9	195		Rozel, KS
42	Perkins, Brett	DB	5-11	190		St. Louis, MO
26	Pierson, Mike	RB	5-7	185		
19	Robinson, James	LB	6-0	185	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
28	Russell, Gene	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Manhattan, KS
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32	Schmidt, Garrett		508	171	So.	Hays, KS
1	Schroeder, Pat	P-K	5-9	168	Sr.	Osage City, KS
31	Sedlacek, Kent	LB	6-3	214	So.	Hanover, KS
46	Sigmon, Kenneth	LB	6-1	210	So.	Raleigh, NC
75	Simeta, Mike	DL	6-5	255	Jr.	Mira Costa, CA
20	Smith, Kenny	WR	5-9	200	Jr.	Junction City, KS
35	Sparks, Danny	FB	6-1	220	So.	Great Bend, KS
79	Stevens, Jeff	OL	6-3	250	Jr.	Ellsworth, IA
51	Sura, Pat	C	6-2	215	Sr.	Racine, WI
43	Switzer, Phil	DB	5-10	185	Jr.	Hill City, KS
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73	Wentling, Wade	DT	6-7	226	Jr.	Beloit, KS
83	Wild, Darrel	WR	5-11	155	So.	Manhattan, KS
47	Williams, Rawn	FB	6-2	218	So.	St. Louis, MO
68	Wilson, Kerry	C	6-3	263	Sr.	Azusa, CA
85	Wilson, Ronnie	LB	6-1	201	Sr.	Beaumont, TX
11	Woody, Bill	DB	5-8	160	Fr.	Beverly, KS

"Freshman Harvest"

A remarkable JUCO crop will author a durable red shirt era in Manhattan.

By PETE GOERING, *Topeka Capital-Journal*

JIM DICKEY ADMITS he's jealous of Nebraska's redshirt program.

"I read they had 16 or 17 starters last year who had been red-shirted," the Kansas State coach exclaimed. "We've got to get to the place where we can do something like that."

With that in mind, and buoyed by the security of a new long-term contract. Dickey sent his staff out hunting junior college players, transfers who could jump right in and free some of the younger Wildcats for that extra year of seasoning.

K-State, still recruiting with a short stick because of the excesses of the previous coaching staff, signed eight junior college athletes and 12 high schoolers.

The number of transfers is high. "It's probably more than you normally would like to recruit," Dickey pointed out, "but for our program to be successful, we have to be able to hold back (redshirt) a few kids.

"The juco kids can help there if they come through."

It goes without saying K-State is counting on them to come through. In fact, at least five are ticketed for regular duty.

Biggest, and perhaps best, is Samoan Mike Simeta, a 6-5, 255-pound speciman from Mira Costa, Calif., Juco. Skilled in both basketball (he was offered a scholarship by Colorado) and the martial arts, Simeta's best sport--as far as the Wildcats are concerned--is football, specifically defensive tackle.

"If he keeps developing, he's a potential first-round draft choice," one K-State recruiter predicts.

Simeta already has developed enough to fulfill part of Dickey's plan. Ben Landry, a 1979 starter at defensive tackle, is being redshirted this fall.

Decisions on more redshirts may have to wait until the season actually begins, partly because two highly regarded transfers--Will Cokeley from Coffeyville, Kan., and Frank Gildea from Citrus, Calif.--missed spring drills because of injuries.

An intramural basketball game decked Cokeley, but the 6-3, 205 inside linebacker with 4.7 credentials isn't expected to have any trouble recovering from minor ankle surgery.

Gildea, though, is another matter. A defensive back with super (4.5) speed, Gildea went down with a knee injury last spring. Ironically, he may end up watching the season wearing a red shirt.

Another California find, fullback Pete Brown from San Bernardino Valley College, appears to be the heir apparent to graduated four-year starter Rosey Duncan's fullback spot, and 6-4, 250-pound Jeff Stevens from Ellsworth, Iowa, looms as a starting offensive tackle.

The other three juco recruits played with Cokeley at Coffeyville, but Dickey is quick to rebuff any suggestions about a package deal. "The one (Cokeley) we knew we wanted the earliest was the last one to sign," the Wildcat coach explained.

While waiting for Cokeley, the Cats signed freshman lineman Tom Menas (6-4, 254), runningback Ernie Coleman and defensive back Jim Morris. Landing Morris, a high school eight-man player at Madison, Kan., was a double treat. Morris then convinced Cokeley to come along.

K-State pulled off a dandy combo deal in its high school recruiting, too. That took place in Lyons, a quiet central Kansas town which happened to have two of the top backs in the state--runningback Mark Hundley and quarterback Don Campbell.

Hundley received most of the honors last fall, but Campbell could be the real prize. Dickey calls him "one of the finest throwing quarterbacks in the country." At 6-5, Campbell is big enough to throw over people. A 4.6 runner, he's fast enough to run around people.

One recruiter took a look at the two Lyons stars and exclaimed, "I've been around this state six years, and I don't think I've seen a school with two kids that good in the same year."

Hundley goes 6-4, 205 and figures to develop into the big back K-State has been missing. If he doesn't, another in-state product--Mark Newton of Bonner Springs--might. Newton is 6-3, 225, bench presses 300 pounds and runs 4.8. "I'm anxious," said Dickey, "to see what those two can do. They're big back prospects all the way."

The K-State boss is anxious to take a peek at Hal Bentley, too. A late recruit, Bentley's name didn't accompany the hoopla surrounding national signing date. But the 6-1, 190-pound wide receiver from New Brighton, Pa., figures to make up for that lack of publicity quickly.

Perhaps the freshman with the best chance of playing regularly, Bentley carries a can't miss tag on the football field...and maybe on the basketball court as well. He was good enough to receive an invitation to play in the prestigious Dapper Dan Classic last spring after averaging 25 points a game.

"I probably recruited him for Jack (Hartman, K-State's basketball coach)," Dickey quipped.

Bentley and massive Jeff Koyl, a 6-5, 260-pounder from Carlsbad, Calif., are the only out-of-state high schoolers the Wildcats signed.

It was a good year for football in the state of Kansas, and the Wildcats plotted the recruiting strategy accordingly. They went after 16 area (including metropolitan Kansas City) players; they signed eight of those.

"We're fixin' to find out whether you can win with Kansas kids," Dickey exclaimed.

They lured two from Oakley, another small town, getting lineman Jeff Colvin and runningback Brad Heinrich. They signed three from the Kansas City area--linebackers Jeff Peterson (Shawnee Mission Northwest) and John Morrissey (Center) and wide receiver Ivan Pearl (Parkhill). And they landed home-town standout Robert Bailey, a wingback.

"We had a good year," Dickey said, discussing his staff's recruiting efforts. "For it to have been a great year, we would have had to sign a back like (Jeff) Smith."

Smith, an All-American from Wichita, considered the Cats, but picked Nebraska instead, undoubtedly making Dickey even more envious.

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I'd be considered early if I can be consistent every game. That's what I'll be shooting for--consistency."

Lang and Tulsan Butch Crites have been battling for the spot vacated by the graduated Rick Antle. "If we had to play tomorrow, Lang would get the nod," offered aide Pat Jones. "But, both have had good springs and I wouldn't be afraid to use either for different responsibilities."

In short, Lang and Crites, who'll be a junior, are outside linebackers with "drop" duties when it comes to defending against the pass.

Boone was a second-team conference selection last year as a junior and has become one of the team leaders. Prater, 6-6, 236, has grown in size and confidence after finding a home on the defensive line, while Heinzler makes liars of those who say he doesn't look like a noseguard (6-0, 230) by simply getting the job done.

The Cowboys strength on defense will once again be found at linebacker, where All-American John Corker roamed the last several years. There shouldn't be any need to fret because the splendid Ricky Young and promising Mike Green will open against West Texas State on Sept. 13 side-by-side.

Young, a consensus Big Eight first-team selection as a sophomore, "could be one of the top linebackers in the country," says Johnson modestly. "He's as fun to coach as he is to watch."

The East Chicago Heights, Ill., native led the Big Eight in tackles last year with 146. Young, a solid 6-1, 220-pounder, made his debut as a freshman at Nebraska when Corker went down with a knee injury that later required surgery.

Green, a 6-2, 230-pound Port Arthur, Texas, sophomore-to-be, has shed some 25 pounds since joining the Pokes and has become one of the team's hardest hitters. "He broke three helmets in one of our scrimmages this spring," Johnson pointed out.

The secondary returns more experience, but could still be a source of concern as far as depth. Gregg Johnson, a second-team all conference selection as a junior is back at free safety, with steady Pete DiClementi at strong safety, and sophomore-to-be Greg Hill and Spiro's Jerry Lewis on the corners. Hill started every game as a freshman.

Johnson does sport quality second-teamers on defense in the persons of eagle end Devin Bonik, tackles Gary Lewis, and agressive Gary Chachere,

DEXTER MANLEY (58) leaps to deflect a Brian Bethke (17) pass.

veteran noseguard Jerry Winchester, linebackers Louis Blackwell and Allen Benson, along with safety specialists Randy Chrisman, Darrell Yates, red shirt Steve Murphy, Chris Dixon and cornerbacks John Odom, Kenny Jackson and Sid Hilton.

"I'm glad we'll have Bonik for four more years since he was redshirted last season (knee surgery)," Johnson offered. "He's an excellent athlete. Having played in the East (Corning, N.Y.) and being hurt last year, Devin's taken some time to learn the basics. But, he's going to be a fine player for us.

"Gary Lewis (Millwood) is a good example of what the weight program has done. When he signed he weighed 208 pounds. He's up to 246, can bench press over 300 pounds and has had a good spring.

"Chrisman (Dallas junior) was the biggest surprise of the spring. He made the most of his opportunity to play when Hill hurt his shoulder.

"Yates is a transfer from Arkansas and I'll tell you he'll put his hat on you in a hurry. I think he might also become one of our better special-teamers."

When you talk offense in Stillwater two things come to mind. First, it's the passing game, which features the accurate arm of quarterback John Doerner and the hands of speedster Ronnie Ingram, Mel Campbell and Mark Cromer. When it's running you crave, a host of top infantry specialists, headed by the talented Worley Taylor, grab the spotlight.

"It may not be a big play offense in 1980, but it will be consistent and one that does not have many turnovers," Johnson predicted.

The attention will initially fall on Doerner, the Duncan junior, who will be taking over for the strong-armed Harold Bailey.

"It's John's poise and cool head that

make him a winner," Johnson beamed. "He can run, scramble if he has to, and throw the ball with the best of them. But, overall, he's going to be our team and field leader in the fall."

Doerner, who's finest statistical efforts came at Missouri and Kansas last season, will be backed by a host of signal callers. They include Houston Nutt, slick southpaw Jimmy Traber, who threw for 147 yards and two touchdowns in the spring game, squadman Jay Van Ert and Kerry Sachetta, who never has unlimbered that heralded prep arm because of two knee operations his freshman year.

"Sachetta's not being able to take part in spring drills was most disappointing," Jimmy said. "Yes, he's talented, but since he missed the spring, he'll start the fall No. 4. It will be tough for him to make strides over both Nutt and Traber. We'll just have to see."

Taylor, an all-conference pick by AP last year, rambled for 994 yards despite missing two games. He rushed for 100 yards or more in five of those games and also caught 20 passes for 216 yards and a touchdown. His career total of 1,891 yards is seventh among all-time Cowboy rushers. A 1,000-yard effort in '80 will vault him into second behind the great Terry Miller.

"He's one of the premier backs in any conference," Johnson said. "He does everything you want him to do-runs, blocks, catches the ball. He may not be the fastest back around, but he's determined and that means more than anything. Let me tell you, Worley takes a good beating every game, but he's as durable a player as you'll find and never does complain."

The Houston senior will have a strong supporting cast this year in the person of blocker-supreme Eddie Smith, speedsters Terry Young (a converted receiver) and young Earnest Anderson, plus the oft-injuried Steve Hammond and Vince Orange. Johnson hinted about redshirting one of his backs if the freshman backfield crop makes a serious depth chart bid.

"Hammond's had another good spring and if he stays healthy could spell Taylor this year," Johnson pointed out.

"We're also lookin for big things from Young and Anderson (who was also injuried in his freshman campaign and carried the ball just seven times)."

The receiver corps is headed by the fleet Ingram, who showed that 4.4 speed on several occasions last season--most notably on an 82-yard kickoff return against Kansas State (fourth longest in school history).

"We've got to utilize Ingram more," Johnson said bluntly. "We worked awful hard this spring getting the ball to him. He's definitely a game-breaker."

Ingram, who had 19 catches last year, is complemented on the split end side by the glue-fingered Campbell and Cromer, who hauled in 11 and 17 passes respectively.

How well the offense can move on the ground or through the air depends largely on the effectiveness of Tony Wise's offensive line. That area has shown a marked improvement when it comes to strength. Roy Hackett (253) and Roger Taylor (250) manned the tackles all spring, while Drew Hetzler (243) and Russell Graham (234) worked at guard. Kevin Bennitt (235) has developed into a solid center after transferring from NEO.

"The pro scouts keep telling me that Roger Taylor (6-7), if he continues to get better, may be a first-round pro selection next year," said Johnson. "He's learning with every new day."

Depth across the interior seems ample with the likes of converted noseguard Darryl Sheffey (259) and Jody Tillman (244) who's coming off a knee injury at tackle; Mike Stead (220) and Paul Speight (237) at guard and Doug Freeman (240), who is also returning from knee surgery, at center.

One crucial experiment this spring had to do with the moving of a heavier Jimmy Cowins to tight end. "His speed had added a lot to tight end and I've been pleased with his progress there," Johnson reported.

Cowins is listed ahead of Valda Headspeth and Les Miller at that spot.

Placekicking chores will again be handled by the bare foot of Colin Ankersen, who was 19-19 in extra points and 12 of 21 in field goals last season. Ankersen won the finale at Iowa State with a dramatic boot in the closing seconds.

Punting will still be a sore spot with Johnson as fall drills begin. The erratic Kris Lundgaard, who had a 37.6 average last season, waged a battle with Quapaw walkon J. T. Neal all spring. "Hopefully, one will come to the front by the time the season opens," Johnson said.

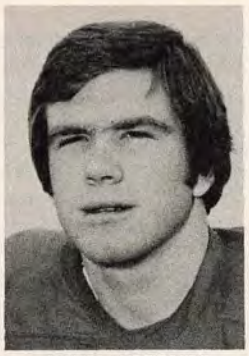
In a nutshell, it appears the Pokes will again rely on defense early, with the hopes a potentially-explosive offense can get untracked during the non-conference portion of the schedule.

"Our schedule early includes Arkansas, Washington, Missouri and Nebraska," the Cowboy mentor added. "Those teams were in the Sugar, Sun, Hall of Fame and Cotton Bowls last year. Then, we have Oklahoma to close the year and everyone knows where they ended up. If we can survive that first part of our schedule, and go into the middle healthy, then we'll have a shot at having a good year.

"Again, we're excited. There's still a long way to go, but we're closing that gap in a hurry."

Ron Ingram (86) was tabbed by the coaches as the second best receiver in the conference behind Kansas' David Verser.

CURTIS BOONE



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21	Bonik, Devin	DB	6-2	189	Fr.	Corning, NY
93	Boone, Curtis	DT	6-2	225	Sr.	Lawton, OK
53	Branch, Ed	OT	6-3	235	Jr.	Davis, OK
	Bringham, Dave	OT	6-4	320	So.	Tulsa, OK
	Brown, Ed	RB	5-8	165	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
99	Brown, Eugene	DE	6-2	205	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
	Brurud, Brian	LB	6-3	185	Fr.	Bartlesville, OK
	Burge, Mike	DL	6-0	205	Fr.	Texhoma, OK
	Caffee, Brent	P-SE	5-8	165	Sr.	Lindsay, OK
6	Campbell, Mel	FL	5-10	157	Sr.	Joplin, MO
17	Caro, Terry	WR-FL	5-10	160	Jr.	Marietta, OK
91	Chachere, Gary	NG	6-5	253	Jr.	Houston, TX
	Chastka, Shaun	LB	6-2	209	Jr.	Moore, OK
22	Chrisman, Randy	DB	6-3	190	Jr.	Dallas, TX
	Clay, Sam	DB-FS	5-11	150	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
	Collins, Harold	DB	6-2	180	Jr.	Vinita, OK
82	Cowins, James	SE	6-1	181	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
	Cox, Steve	DE	6-1	218	So.	Tulsa, OK
69	Crites, Butch	LB	6-0	213	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
87	Cromer, Mark	WR	6-0	171	So.	Broken Arrow, OK
	Dickey, Steve	FS	5-11	192	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
24	DiClementi, Pete	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	Wilmette, IL
61	Dilbeck, Randy	DE	6-0	215	Jr.	Sulphur, OK
	Divra, Josh	WR	6-3	180	So.	Brooklyn, NY
15	Dixon, Chris	DB	5-11	183	Sr.	Clovis, NM
27	Doakes, Ivan	DB	5-8	168	Jr.	Beggs, OK
5	Doerner, John	QB	6-2	185	Sr.	Duncan, OK
	Doty, Charles	NG	6-1	214	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
	Druger, James	DB	5-10	170	So.	Lawton, OK
	Ewy, Jeff	DT	6-3	260	So.	Blackwell, OK
	Fish, Reginald	DB	5-7	163	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
55	Freeman, Doug	C	6-1	240	So.	Collinsville, OK
79	Graham, Kerry	DE	6-6	231	Sr.	Edmond, OK
73	Graham, Russell	T	6-3	224	So.	Borger, TX
	Green, Ed	DB	5-8	188	Sr.	Pawnee, OK
68	Green, Mike	LB	6-2	236	So.	Port Arthur, TX
4	Greer, Bruce	DB	5-10	185	Jr.	Yukon, OK
31	Guy, Brent	DE	6-1	183	So.	Booker, TX
72	Hackett, Roy	OT	6-5	253	Sr.	Midwest City, OK
	Hadley, Kenneth	OT	6-1	255	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
88	Halstied, Don	WR	6-2	170	Jr.	Marietta, OK
35	Hammond, Steve	RB	5-11	203	Sr.	Del City, OK
	Hawkins, Vernon	OT	6-3	282	So.	Lawton, OK
38	Headspeth, Valda	TE	6-3	202	Jr.	Houston, TX
76	Heinzler, Steve	NG	6-0	229	Sr.	Marshall, MO
45	Hennigh, Kevin	RB	6-1	180	So.	Laverne, OK
67	Hetzler, Drew	OG	6-3	243	Sr.	Canyon, TX
11	Hill, Greg	DB	6-1	179	So.	Orange, TX
28	Hilton, Sid	DB	6-1	168	So.	Mannford, OK
9	Hull, David	K	5-6	170	So.	Tulsa, OK
86	Ingram, Ron	FL	5-10	168	Jr.	Dallas, TX
26	Jackson, Kenneth	DB	5-11	175	Jr.	Harvey, IL
44	Johnson, Gregg	DB	6-1	188	Sr.	Houston, TX
	Jones, Tripp	DB	6-0	188	So.	Omaha, NE
89	Kilmer, Mike	WR	6-1	162	Fr.	Del City, OK
37	Kusek, Tim	FB	5-11	203	Jr.	Harrah, OK
	Lagaly, Kevin	WR	6-1	175	So.	El Reno, OK
65	Lang, Mark	LB	6-2	192	So.	Iraan, TX
	Largent, Jeff	WR	5-9½	170	Fr.	Putnam City, OK
	Lasker, Leonard	RB	6-2	191	Sr.	Lawton, OK
94	Lewis, Gary	OT	6-4½	227	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
29	Lewis, Jerry	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Spiro, OK
2	Lundgaard, Kris	P	6-4	198	Sr.	Los Alamos, NM
58	Manley, Dexter	DE	6-4	226	Sr.	Houston, TX
46	Matheson, Steve	LB	5-10	175	Jr.	Woodward, OK
96	McKee, Steve	WR	6-2	213	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
	McMath, Dale	WR-FL	6-2	170	So.	Broken Arrow, OK
81	Miller, Les	TE	6-3	205	So.	Putnam City, OK
18	Murphy, Steve	DB	6-1	189	Jr.	Delafield, WS
	Neal, J. T.	P	6-2	185	Jr.	Quapaw, OK
14	Nutt, Houston;	QB	6-1½	200	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
23	Odom, John	DB	6-1	169	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, IL
48	Orange, Vince	RB	5-8	204	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
	Parker, Steve	FS	5-11	188	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
77	Perkins, Cy	OT	6-5	221	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
	Perry, David	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
	Powell, Jimmy	DE	6-2	198	Fr.	Salisbury, MD
95	Prater, Dean	DT	6-6	236	Sr.	Wichita Falls, TX
	Quick, Randy	DT	6-1	215	Fr.	Cushing, OK
9	Reed, Frank	QB-K	6-0	183	Sr.	Catoosa, OK
64	Reeves, Tim	T	6-4½	225	Fr.	Enid, OK
	Richards, Ray	RB	5-10	170	So.	Del City, OK
41	Roark, Eric	DB	6-1	187	So.	Pawhuska, OK
	Rolle, David	DE-LB	6-1	227	Jr.	Putnam City, OK
	Rust, Bruce	DB	5-9	150	Fr.	Stillwater, OK
7	Sachetta, Kerry	QB	6-3	207	Fr.	Columbus, KS
71	Shamburger, Steve	OT	6-3	229	So.	Ballwin, MO
	Shambour, Tony	LB	5-11	198	So.	Bethany, OK
78	Sheffey, Darryl	NG	6-3½	259	So.	Washington, DC
53	Shepherd, Mike	C	6-0	222	Sr.	Hurst, TX
32	Smith, Ed	RB	6-0	193	Sr.	Houston, TX
27	Smithee, Derek	DB	6-0	200	So.	Harrah, OK
62	Speight, Paul	T	6-4	237	So.	Midland, TX
60	Stead, Mike	T	6-2	220	So.	Del City, OK
74	Taylor, Roger	OT	6-7	250	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
33	Taylor, Worley	RB	6-0	205	Sr.	Houston, TX
75	Tillman, Jody	OT	6-5	244	So.	Fairfax, OK
	Todd, Evan	DB	5-11	157	Fr.	Stillwater, OK
10	Traber, Jim	OB-DB	5-11	200	Fr.	Columbia, MO
8	Van Ert, Jay	QB	6-1	183	So.	Houston, TX
54	Vana, Jim	LB	6-3	228	So.	Bellevue, NE
97	Waters, Dean	NG	6-2	226	Sr.	Norman, OK
36	Wells, Jeff	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Springfield, MO
39	Whittlesey, Tom	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	Los Alamos, NM
63	Winchester, Jerry	OT	6-5	252	Sr.	Dickson, OK
25	Yates, Darrell	DB	6-0	181	Jr.	Ft. Smith, AR
59	Young, Ricky	LB	6-1	210	Jr.	E. Chicago Hts., IL
30	Young, Terry	SE	5-10	177	Jr.	Shawnee, OK

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Ernest Anderson
(5-11, 175, Fr)

WORLEY TAYLOR
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Steve Hammond
(5-11, 203, Sr)
Vince Orange
(5-8, 204, Jr)

RON INGRAM
(5-10, 168, Jr)
Terry Caro
(5-10, 160, Jr)
Mike Kilmer
(6-1, 162, Fr)

John Doerner
(6-2, 185, Sr)
Houston Nutt
(6-1½, 200, Sr)
Jim Traber
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Darryl Sheffey
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Cy Perkins
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MEL CAMPBELL
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Mark Cromer
(6-0, 171, So)
Don Halstied
(6-2, 170, Jr)

DEXTER MANLEY
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STEVE HEINZLER
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Dean Waters
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DEAN PRATER
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Gary Chachere
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Kerry Graham
(6-6, 231, Sr)

Mark Lang
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Butch Crites
(6-0, 213, Sr)
Brent Guy
(6-1, 183, So)

RICKY YOUNG
(6-1, 210, Jr)
Allen Benson
(6-3, 210, Sr)

Mike Green
(6-2, 236, So)
Louis Blackwell
(6-3, 201, Jr)

JERRY LEWIS
(6-0, 180, Jr)
Sid Hilton
(6-1, 168, So)

GREG HILL
(6-1, 179, So)
John Odom
(6-1, 169, Sr)
Kenny Jackson
(5-11, 175, Jr)

PETE DICLEMENTI
(5-11, 185, Jr)
Steve Murphy
(6-1, 189, Jr)
Chris Dixon
(5-11, 183, Sr)

GREGG JOHNSON
(6-1, 188, Sr)
Randy Chrisman
(6-3, 190, Jr)
Darrell Yates
(6-0, 181, Jr)

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(CAPS indicate returning starters)

A YOUNG BAPTISM... BIG 8 STYLE

By **TOM DIRATO,** *Stillwater*

IT WAS HARDLY your average college football debut. But, for Ricky Young it was a moment he'll remember always.

The scene was Nebraksa's Memorial Stadium. As usual, some 76,000 red-clad Husker fans had turned out to see heavily-favored NU put it on the struggling Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Nebraska shook off an early O-State score to erupt for 19 second-quarter points. It appeared the rout was on, especially when OSU's All-American linebacker John Corker limped to the bench with a knee injury that would later require surgery.

Standing on the sideline was Young, at the time a reserve freshman, who was just learning how to be a linebacker.

"I'll never forget it," Young recalls. "I knew Bird (Corker) was gone. He was shaking his head as they helped him off. He kept telling coach Stanley (Jim) that he couldn't go anymore.

"Stanley turned to me and asked, 'Are you ready to go?' Hey, all kinds of things started going through my head. My coach (Larry Coyer) was in the press box. I was handed the headphones and he (Coyer) just told me to go in, read the keys, and find the ball.

"Here I was a freshman with two and one-half months at linebacker going in against Nebraska...and all that red in the stands! Mike Edwards told me to just calm down. After that first tackle I was just fine."

What Young didn't say was that initial stop came against the explosive I.M. Hipp as Nebraska went right after the rookie. Ricky proved his worth then and has started every game since for the Pokes.

Over the next 14 outings this East Chicago Heights, Ill., junior-to-be has turned into one of the Big Eight's premier linebackers. He was a consensus all-conference pick last year by both United Press International and Associated Press.

Since arriving on campus he's had to play in the shadow of Corker. While that never bothered this quiet, personable business administration major his accomplishments have almost been minimized as far as fans are concerned.

However, not so with coach Jimmy Johnson. "Ricky Young has the potential to be better than John Corker," Johnson said on several occasions last year. "If it weren't for Corker's great talent, we'd be talking about Ricky Young as an All-American."

There's a world of difference between the Ricky Young who came from Bloom Trail High School in the fall of '78 and the No. 59 who now crushes any ball carrier who dares to find running room somewhere in the middle of the field.

"Confidence," Ricky smiles. "That's the difference. I'm so much more confident in everything I do."

This will be the first time he steps on the field of combat without Corker.

"Having played on occasion without him I've learned to get along on my own. Yes, it will feel funny, but, again, I'm confident in my own ability to get the job done."

Few people realize Young's only experience at linebacker in high school came when he met one head-on. Ricky lugged the football from his fullback spot and then took up residence at tackle when turning his thoughts to defense.

"I could've played linebacker then, but felt I could help the team more at the other two positions. It wasn't until I got here did I start playing linebacker. Actually, I was recruited as a noseguard."

As incredible as it may seem now, college recruiters did not beat Young's door down searching for a signature. "Only Oklahoma State and Northern Illinois showed any real interest in me," he explained. "I jumped at the chance to come here."

It didn't take him long to make opposing coaches wonder about their scouting reports. After earning his spurs in Corker's spot, Young did about everything--and more--the Cowboys expected of him last season. His statistics tell most of the story: 146 tackles to lead both OSU and the Big Eight in that department; 10 sacks, which put him close behind team leader Dexter Manley; and four fumbles caused by jolting hits.

Aside from an iron-tough frame (he bench presses 345 pounds), Young also possesses good speed (4.74 in the 40). That agility when blockers are coming at him from all angles, plus a keen sense of reading keys, helped him to double-digit tackle performances in nine of Oklahoma State's 11 games last year. Heading into 1980, Young has 211 tackles (72 of the assisted variety) and has generally wreaked havoc in the areas of fumble recoveries (3), interceptions (2), fumbles caused and passes broken up (2).

He likes the new role OSU will place him in as a junior--and accepts it as a challenge.

"Yes, I think the coaches are looking at me this year to be one of our team leaders. That's fine with me. Although I was quiet as a freshman and sophomore, that's really more like me anyway. I was the holler guy all through high school and can be that way again. Last year we had Rick Antle to pick us up if we made a bad play. I'm going to be the Antle type for us now.

"This all comes with being more mature. I know the younger players look up to people like myself, Boone (Curtis), Dexter (Manley) and Greg (Johnson). Being confident helps you become a leader."

Young figures to pair with Port Arthur, Texas, sophomore-to-be Mike Green at linebacker this fall. Green, 6-2, 220, is much like Ricky was when he broke in and the comparison has already become apparent.

"Mike's a good one now and will become even better," Young offered. "I can sympathize with what he is going through. There's so much to learn--so fast. I'll try to help him as much as I can.

"One of the biggest things you must do back there is learn, and learn to trust, those keys. Your natural reaction is to chase the ball all over the field. But, experience will show if you read the key

correctly, it will take you right to the ball. That's the key to it all."

One of 13 children, Ricky has proven to be quite durable at a position where contact is a constant companion. He's had a pair of slight shoulder separations, "plus the normal amount of bruises. But, I lift a lot of weights to try and keep myself strong physically and that helps."

As mentioned, Young grabbed first-team honors on both wire services all-conference teams. The plaudits came as something of a surprise--to Ricky, that is.

"Since I was only a sophomore I figured I could make second team and no higher. Yes, I was pleased. But, all this will do is make me play even harder these next two seasons. There's no reason why I can't. Overall, I wasn't as sure about myself or my ability last year as I am right now. It goes back to confidence again. Really, I'd be disappointed if I didn't reach higher goals each year."

Young's been on both ends of the ladder since donning an Oklahoma State uniform. His freshman year the Pokes were competitive, but finished with a frustrating 3-8 reading. Last season, under Johnson, the Cowboys put together an incredible success story and closed with a 7-4 effort.

"I can see even better things ahead for this team," Young predicted. "Personally, I didn't think we were all that bad my first year. But, this team now has tasted success. We were so close last year and would've gone to a bowl had we not been on probation. I think we are going to be even better this time around."

Perhaps the most refreshing part of Young's personality is his frankness--especially when it comes to the future. The pros are definitely in his plans. "Yes, I like the Bears having grown up around Chicago, and would love to play somewhere when my days at Oklahoma State are through.

"But, my first aim is to get this degre, that's what I came to OSU for in the first place. I realize you must have something to fall back upon if you don't make it, or

even once your playing days are finished. I've been able to keep my grades up and may have to go another year to get the degree. But, that's something I'll do."

No, this is not the same Ricky Young who stepped onto Lewis Stadium two years ago. He's changed and it's all been for the better.

"I wasn't used to all that verbal abuse at first. There were times I wanted to head home. But, that's all behind me now. I've learned how to accept criticism."

Actually, it seems like only yesterday that Young, helmet in hand, sprinted out to the middle of the field to fill the shoes of John Corker. There were some who said that could never be done.

Clearly, they'd never met Ricky Young.

"Freshman Harvest"

A quarterback away from a great class!

By TOM DIRATO, *Stillwater*

THE RAIN CAME DOWN in torrents outside Oklahoma State's new coaches complex. Small lakes covered the artifical surface of Lewis Stadium. Every once in awhile someone with an over-worked umbrella could be seen scurrying for cover.

It was definitely one of those days fit for neither man nor beast. But, for Cowboy coach Jimmy Johnson the sun was shining brightly.

A press conference had just ended and Johnson was beaming. The sizeable turnout of media types, who braved the January elements, had just been told the good news. OSU was finally free of the NCAA shackles brought on over alleged recruiting violations.

The limbo, so damaging when it came to talking with football prospects, was now over. After what seemed an eternity (counting those seasons plagued by innuendo) Oklahoma State was again free to give 30 grants, play in a post-season bowl, and be on television during the 1981 campaign.

"I see this as a big, big plus for our team and recruiting effort," Johnson, a unanimous Big Eight Coach Of The Year selection in 1979, predicted. "Our recruits can now be assured when they come into our program they'll be able to go to a bowl game every year. The team has something to work for now."

Armed with his new lease on life, Associated Press and United Press International honors, and a 7-4 showing in his first year at the O-State helm, Johnson and his young staff headed out to gather signatures.

And, gather they did. At this writing, OSU garnered 28 signatures to cap an effort that the so-called experts ranked along with some of the league's best. Johnson agreed with their evaluation.

"I'm obviously very excited," he beamed. "I don't think people yet fully realize just how good a recruiting year we did have.

"We signed the No. 1 lineman in Oklahoma, the best offensive lineman in Texas, a Parade All-American running back from Arkansas and the tight end considered to be the best in the nation. You add those players to blue-chippers throughout Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas and you can see why we are so excited."

The statistical breakdown looks this way: 11 in-state signees, 17 out-of-state (11 from Texas, 4 from Arkansas and 2 from Washington, DC); 5 offensive linemen; 4 running backs; 2 tight ends; 1 split receiver; 6 defensive ends; 4 defensive backs; 4 linebackers and 2 defensive tackles.

"We covered all the areas we felt needed to be covered pretty well," said Johnson who won several signing battles with college football heavyweights on both coasts.

OSU was true to its word when it took care of the homework first. Chris Patton, a 6-5, 230-pound defensive tackle from Chickasha, was one of the initial in-staters to commit to the Cowboys. He was snatched from the waiting arms of rival Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Southern Methodist.

The Lone Star State, which has been good to Oklahoma State over the last few years, provided heavily-recruited Mark Granger, a 6-4, 270-pound offensive tackle from Port Arthur. Granger was wooed by most every major grid power including Oklahoma, UCLA, Michigan, Houston and Texas A&M. He was found on most Texas Blue Chip lists.

Johnson's "home" state of Arkansas also suffered a few anxious moments when Shawn Jones, a 6-2, 205-pound running back, joined the Cowboys fold. The North Little Rock flyer was considered to be the premier prep runner in Arkansas as he averaged 100 yards (or more) in every high school game he played. He had double signed with Houston which made the catch even more notable.

While this trio would've been enough to make Johnson smile, it was the decision of one John Chesley to head west that created the biggest stir.

Chesley is a 6-6, 233-pound tight end, who played at Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. He was contacted by over 200 schools for both football and basketball (he averaged 23.5 points his senior year).

The Pokes corraled this prep All-American as Nebraska, USC and UCLA looked on helplessly. "It was quite an ordeal," admitted Johnson, who also lured Chesley's teammate Sean Majors, a rugged 6-3, 215-pound defensive end, to OSU. "That's was possibly the most impressive thing about this group of players. The competition to sign them was fierce. In Chesley's case there were four coaches in his living room that day to sign him."

Chesley, who has two brothers playing in the National Football League, said he was Oklahoma State-bound from the opening whistle. "I had really made my decision after visiting OSU. I just liked the school, the people and coaches. I can't wait to get there and start playing."

One of Johnson's aides, Dave Wannstedt, did most of the leg work in luring Chesley and Majors to Stillwater. He also convinced Darryl Sheffey to leave the nation's Capital and don an OSU uniform last year.

"From the start we needed linebacker and defensive end type personnel," Johnson said. "Tight end was also crucial since we lost Donnie Echols. We got Chesley and another top tight end out of Arkansas in Rodney Bragg (6-3, 210, 4.7 speed). This is one area we managed to shore up pretty well.

"The runningback situation was such that we have seniors and needed to sign some outstanding people who could come in and help now and in the future. Jones and Darryl Mitchell (5-11, 190-pound 60-yard Texas state champion from Fort Worth), have a chance to play this year in the backfield."

It's obvious people like Patton, Granger, Chesley, Jones and Mitchell will get a long look when it comes to playing time in 1980. OSU used a host of yearlings last year--some by choice and many due to the incredible rash of injuries and paper-thin depth.

"Obviously, some of these people will provide immediate help," said Johnson. "Anyone who reads the paper can figure out who they'll be. But, I think the biggest impact this freshman team will have on our program will come in the specialty team area. We signed so many players with natural speed. It's the most I've ever been around.

"It will help us in kickoff coverage, returns, punt coverage and the like. This is one area where we definitely needed help."

Others given better than even chances of seeing extensive playing duty as freshmen include Majors, Sherman, Texs defensive back Raymond Polk (6-0, 203, 4.5 speed) and Roderick Fisher, another secondary specialist, who hails from Dallas South Oak Cliff. Fisher (6-0, 185, 4.5) was valadictorian of his class.

If there is a "sleeper" to be found in this year's crop it has to be 6-4, 237-pound linebacker Erick Green, who played at tiny Lenapah High School. Green calls South Coffeyville, Oklahoma home and was an almost unknown since Lenapah didn't send game films to any school for review.

"His statistics are enough to convince you," said Johnson. "He's an athlete."

About the only negative aspect of Johnson's second recruiting class had to be in the area of quarterback where McKinney, Texas signal caller Johnny Holley opted for Texas Southern after inking a Big Eight letter with the Cowboys a week before.

"I think there are many more people concerned about this than we as a coaching staff," Jimmy explained. "We offered just one scholarship to a quarterback and didn't get him. We wanted to sign a great one, not an average one. We have good people coming back in John Doerner, Kerry Sachetta, Houston Nutt and Jim Traber. So, not getting one this year is not all that great a concern to me."

The Pokes will likely give their final two scholarships to deserving walk-ons, who played such a key role in the miracle of '79. Johnson would like to do this every year in an attempt to build a strong walk-on program.

How good was the signing effort this year? The experts say it was probably close to an eight on that ever popular scale of 10. Johnson won't play a numbers game, but adds with a grin, "It's one of the best I've ever been around."

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Says Knotts' counterpart on offense, his old boss at Florida, Dickey: "It's more fun coaching now because the guys understand what I'm saying." Then Dickey adds with a chuckle, "There were times last year when I didn't understand what I was saying. As a result, we're now getting a better coaching job done."

Even though it graduated six starters to the NFL (linebacker Bill Roe, tackle George Visger, nose guard Laval Short, strong safety Mike Davis and cornerbacks Jesse Johnson and Haynes), had a seventh senior sign to play in Canada (free safety Tim Roberts), lost an eighth to grades and had a ninth simply disappear from the program, the defense fell into place personnel-wise quickly.

If there is a strength, it's inside linebackers Doolittle and Humble, both of whom were initially running backs under former coach Bill Mallory.

Humble was still on the other side of the line of scrimmage when the '79 season opened. But his conversion into an outside 'backer, the same spot played by Doolittle last year, coincided with CU's shift to respectability after a horrendous 0-3 start. The Buffs were 3-5 once they got things turned around last year, and, with a break or two, might have been 5-3 in the same stretch.

Doolittle and Humble adjusted quickly to the moves to the inside linebacking spots. Knotts opted for the moves because he wanted experienced folks making the defensive calls for the young defense. The new inside backers are also just about the best overall athletes on defense.

"Dr. Doo," as the Buffs' most experienced starter is known, has bulked up to 240 pounds for his final three seasons. "We'll be a young team on defense, but I'm not sure it's like starting from the bottom again," Doolittle says. "The theme, the mode is there."

Sophomores Ray Cone and Cleon Braun (the son of a CU assistant coach) plus senior Pat Dunn are the other inside backers.

The replacements on the outside don't have much experience, with senior Rod Butler, an active 6-4 youngster, and sophomore Mark DeRose, a Pueblo youngster the Buff staff landed in the transitional recruiting period a year ago, projected as the starters.

Willie Beebe leads an unheralded Colorado backfield behind a less than imposing offensive line.

One thing Knotts can't do is come up with the talent he had in a secondary that ranked No. 9 nationally in pass defense last fall. Exceptional man-for-man coverage on the corners by Haynes and Johnson marked last year's secondary play.

Last year's backups--Rickey Bynum and Tim Stampley on the corners, Larry Lillo at free safety and Brad Chase at strong safety--move up en masse as the replacements.

Bynum, who replaces Haynes, is considered the best bet for stardom. "Bynum looks like he'll be a good one. He can handle the position," Knotts says. One thing Knotts probably won't do early is put as much pressure on the corners as he did a year ago. "We put an awful lot of burden on our corners last year," Knotts says. "We'll have to test them and ease them into it this year."

Sophomore Clyde Riggins, who got a try at running back last year, moved to cornerback in the spring and is a comer in the secondary.

There may not be a major college team thinner in the defensive line than Colorado. The Buffs go into the fall with just five scholarship defensive linemen returning.

Of the group, only senior Brad Young, who played behind Short last fall, has ever made a tackle in a college game. And he's an end now.

Short's replacement is Dan Ralph, a 6-5, 214-pounder who has excellent toughness and agility for the nose tackle

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spot. Knotts is impressed enough with Ralph to link him with the veteran inside 'backers and say, "In any sport if you're solid down the middle, you have a chance to win."

The other end will be Pete Perry, a 6-6, 236-pound junior who has never played a down of varsity ball. He was redshirted two years ago and missed all of '79 with a knee injury.

Perry wasn't highly recruited coming out of high scool (Littleton). His honors, in fact, were in hockey. He was an all-state icer at the suburban Denver school.

Playing in the Big Eight without experience doesn't concern Perry. He's had experience of another kind.

"When you go up every day against guys like Stan Brock and Matt Miller, then you're ready for just about anything," Perry said. "That's awfully good experience. Those guys really helped me. If you can play with those guys, you can play with anybody. It wasn't like I was kicking them around or anything. But I'd get by them every now and then."

But there aren't enough Perrys to suit Fairbanks.

"We drop off pretty quickly in depth, especially in linemen on both sides of ball," Fairbanks said. "On defense, what you see is all we've got."

It's a little different on offense, where the Buffs actually have some depth, if everybody is healthy in the fall--veterans like tackle Bob Sebro, Roger Gunter, Brandt Thurston and Greg Jones, and guards Joe Bell, Art Dale Johnson and Bo Halamandaris. Injuries to Gunter, Johnson and Brandt Thurston provided a good deal of spring playing time for other youngsters, too.

Colorado is gambling at center with Rich Umphrey, a linebacker who began his college career at Utah.

"I think we'll have to be more aggressive in our line play on offense," Fairbanks says despite the large number of returnees. "This team is not as salty as I would like them to be."

The vacuum that existed at the skill positions a year ago has been partially filled, but Dickey remains very cautious.

"We're not an awesome team in any dimension," the CU coordinator says. "I doubt we'll have an all-conference player."

"We have a chance not to be bad, and, at times last year, we were bad. I think we have a chance to start the season by not losing any games offensively, to play without making a lot of mistakes. We'll have a chance to play honestly, for what's its worth.

"We have a chance for better depth, but we're not a whole lot better physically. We've got the same people with the ball."

True. But, a year ago at this time, the CU coaches didn't even know who the folks would be with the ball offensively.

The biggest remaining question is the identity of the CU quarterback.

Charlie Davis, who started his sophomore season in '79 at quarterback and wound up as a running back, began the spring as a bulked-up fullback and finished it as the No. 1 quarterback.

But there's a longshot chance the '80 CU quarterback could be the same man who called the signals for the Buffs the last two years, fifth-year senior Bill Solomon.

Solomon played in only one series as a sophomore in '77, but then beleaguered CU coach Bill Mallory failed to apply for a red-shirt year for the East Peoria, Ill., youngster after he traveled him and dressed him in another player's jersey number for a late season game at Oklahoma when quarterback depth was a concern because of injuries. As spring turned to summer, Solomon still was weighing his options of seeking a hearing before the Big Eight to get the lost year back or even considering hiring an attorney to pursue the matter.

Behind Davis in the spring, in no particular order, were:

—Walkon Steve Carpio, a Pierce, Calif., JC transfer with an excellent throwing arm;

—One-time southpaw walkon Scott Kingdom, a player with great promise who has been hit with a siege of injuries in three CU seasons;

—Transfer Scott Hairton, who started his college career at Tennessee.

To this list in the fall will be added freshman recruit Scott Vogel, a rangy Air Academy High youngster who was the best in-state prospect last fall, and Randy Essington, a freshman transfer from U.S. International who cames touted by the school's athletic director for a brief tenure, Sid Gillman. USIU gave up football in mid-February, making Essington eligible immediately.

Davis, for one, is glad to be back at quarterback. His plusss: good running ability and a strong but untamed throwing arm.

"I feel more comfortable (at quarterback)," the Tulsa youngster says. "It's me. I figure I can contribute more to the team at quarterback. I feel more confident than at the other positions. I know what's happening and I've got a good feeling."

"He (Davis) is way ahead of any point last year," Dickey says. "Last year he had that knee injury and couldn't turn to pass. But now he has that experience and understands what we're doing. I think he's a better football player for having played as a running back. He's more knowledgeable of everything going on."

"You noticed No. 19 out there, because he creates some problem for you the other guy (Solomon) didn't," says SMU defensive coordinator Steve Sidwell, a former All-Big Eight linebacker and CU aide who returns each spring to coach the Old Grads in the Varsity-Alumni game.

Whoever wins the quarterback job will have more help than Solomon started with in '79.

Sophomore wide receiver Donald Holmes, who won't turn 18 until after CU's first game, just might be all-conference calibre in his second year. He caught 17 passes, including three for touchdowns, and averaged 27.4 yards per reception. The 160-pound Miami native, who graduated from high school in August last year, will also return punts this year.

There may not be a game-breaker among CU's runners, but last year's tandem of tailback Lance Olander, a player Fairbanks returned from the secondary to offense, and fullback Willie Beebe, put forth excellent effort.

Olander had games of 106 yards against Oklahoma State and 88 against Kansas State as CU finished strong in November.

'79 JC transfer Lyndell Hawkins and junior Mike Green also figure as does '79 JC national scoring champion Jerome LaMeir, a 230-pounder from Ranger, Tex., who went to high school in Denver.

LaNeir isn't nifty but he recognizes his limitations.

"I'm the type of runner that if I can't run around you, I'll run over you," he says. "I don't have the speed to dip and dodge, but if the coach wants two yards, I'll do all I can to get three-and-a-half."

LaNeir rushed for over 1,300 yards for top-ranked Ranger and lost yardage on only two carries.

As has been the case for years, tight end remains a CU strength, with '79 starter Greg Willet, a junior who was thrust into the line as a soph because of the slow recovery of Greg Howard and Bob Niziolek from knee surgery, and is now entrenched at the spot. Doug Krahenbuhl, who carries 229 pounds on a 6-1 frame and looks more like a guard, isn't flashy but he's a very good No. 2 at a position that demands a talented backup because of double tight end sets.

Ask Fairbanks about strengths and the coach who chooses his words so carefully, first turns to sophomore place-kicker Tom Field, another walkon. Field hit 10 of 14 field goals last year, including a pair of 51-yarders.

LANCE OLANDER
(6-1, 197, Sr.)
Lyndell Hawkins
(6-1, 194, Sr.)

Jerome LaNeir
(6-1, 229, Jr.)
Mike Green
(6-0, 199, Jr.)
WILLIE BEEBE
(6-1, 203, Jr.)

Charlie Davis
(6-0, 202, Jr.)
Jeff Caprio
(5-9, 185, Jr.)

DON HOLMES
(5-11, 160, So.)
Derek Hunter
(5-11, 158, So.)

GREG WILLETT
(6-5, 210, Jr.)
Doug Krahenbuhl
(6-1, 229, Jr.)
Bob Niziolek
(6-6, 225, Sr.)

BRANT THURSTON
(6-6, 240, Sr.)
Greg Jones
(6-7, 247, Jr.)

GUY THURSTON
(6-4, 244, So.)
Art Dale Johnson
(6-5, 234, Jr.)

Rich Umphrey
(6-3, 226, Jr.)
Van Hammond
(6-3, 234, Jr.)

Bo Halamandaris
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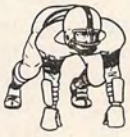

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Mark Shoop
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Dan Ralph
(6-5, 214, So.)
John Herrera
(6-2, 230, Jr.)

Brad Young
(6-1, 220, Sr.)
Stan Hornung
(6-4, 221, So.)

Rod Butler
(6-3, 225, Sr.)
Dave Maxedon
(6-3, 212, So.)

Mark DeRose
(6-1, 201, So.)
Kevin Hood
(6-2, 195, So.)

STEVE DOOLITTLE
(6-3, 225, Sr.)
Ray Cone
(6-3, 221, So.)

BOB HUMBLE
(6-1, 203, Sr.)
Pat Dunn
(6-0, 214, Sr.)

Tim Stampley
(5-9, 181, Jr.)
Clyde Riggins
(6-0, 174, So.)

Ricky Bynum
(6-1, 193, Jr.)
Willie Hogan
(5-11, 177, So.)

Brad Chase
(6-2, 187, Sr.)
Kevin Davis
(6-2, 182, So.)

Larry Lillo
(6-0, 185, Jr.)
Ellis Wood
(6-1, 187, So.)

DEPTH CHART

(CAPS indicate returning starters)

DON'T RUN AT

The Doctor goes to war on every play now, and the field of casualties is mounting.

By **FRANK HARAWAY,** *Denver Post*

THE BLACKS call him "Doctor." The whites call him "Doo." Put 'em together and you have the colorful nickname of "Dr. Doo," whose real name is Steve Doolittle.

But take it from Colorado defensive coordinator Doug Knotts, Steve will be known as "Do Big" before the 1980 football season is over.

A year ago Coach Chuck Fairbanks and staff took a calculated gamble when they shifted All-Big Eight safety Mark Haynes to cornerback. The result: Haynes went on to become an All-American.

This year Fairbanks and Knotts put their heads together and decided to shift Doolittle from left outside linebacker to strong inside linebacker. The result: Ask the question again in November.

Knotts thought he had the answer by the end of spring practice. Said Knotts:

"He's got a chance to be réally good. Yes, possibly an All-America but that, of course, is 'way down the road.

"Steve's got a great temperament for a linebacker--as great as any linebacker I've ever coached. They all have a certain temperament about 'em. He fits right in there with it. He's really a hard worker. He's also got 'way above average intelligence, which is really gonna help us because he controls our defense. With his intelligence level and his intensity level, he could be great."

The personable Tucson, Ariz., product with the wild blond hair is in the mold of a couple of other Buffalo football players of the last decade who came to school not knowing their best position--Jon Keyworth and Dave Logan.

CU never did really find out Keyworth's best position as he played quarterback, tight end, split end, wingback, tailback, fullback and finally wound up in the defensive secondary. When he went pro he became a fullback, which he still plays for the Denver Broncos. Logan played wingback, tight end, and finally split end before making it to the pros to become a tight end.

As a high school junior, Doolittle was a wide receiver and an all-state defensive back. As a senior he was shifted to wishbone quarterback late in the second game of the season and again made all-state as a defensive back. In the Arizona all-star prep game he played flanker.

CU projected him as a tight end when they recruited him but changed him to wingback right away. As a 6-3, 200-pound freshman he played one game with the junior varsity, then moved to the varsity and stayed. He saw action as a wingback, fullback, split end, whatever, finally settling into 5-10 plays a game at wingback.

By his sophomore season Steve had grown to 212 pounds and the coaches surprised him by moving him to outside linebacker. "I didn't feel I had enough speed to play flanker or wingback any more anyhow," Doolittle recalls.

"I just wanted to play. I had an open mind on where they wanted to play me. The way things happened, I profited by the shift. There's no way of telling what could have happened if I'd stayed on offense--a fullback or a tight end or something.

"The only problem was learning the basic concepts of it, being adaptable to it. It came pretty easy for me.

"When you come to a school, that's a commitment. You have to commit yourself to a job. It's hard bouncing from job to job, like I have, but you have to be willing to commit yourself to the program. Certain people have the attitude coming out of high school that they'll always be the star runningback. But there comes a time when you have to admit to yourself that that may not be the case."

By his junior year (1979) Doolittle had grown to 6-4, 225, and settled in as a thoroughly-at-home outside linebacker who had his share of big moments in the course of the season.

He says the spring shift to the inside didn't catch him totally by surprise. "I always thought that might be it, especially after 'everyone' (all but three starters) graduated on defense. I was kind of skeptical about it at first and had to be convinced--get my mind right about it, stick with it. Now I'm committed to it although I'm not sure whether I like it better.

"The biggest change is the realization that you've got to play a little bit more. It's an attacking type of position. It's not like outside linebacker where you have to use your mind a bit, wait on things. You have more of a chance just to play football."

Knotts said the coaches decided upon the shift after studying films and deciding that since Doolittle obviously was one of the team's better returning football players, they wanted to get him in on as much of the action as possible.

"We felt people could avoid him by running away from him if he was on the outside," Knotts explained. "We were afraid we couldn't get him to the action enough. Last year Bill Roe (the only CU starting linebacker not returning) was averaging about 20 tackles a game at the strong inside linebacker. We wanted to get our best football player lined up right there and get him to do the same thing. That's why we shifted Doolittle there. We could always shift him back in the fall but we don't anticipate that at all.

"In the spring he was stuffing the blockers, taking them on well and picked up the reading of the offense very quick. That was the main thing that concerned us because a lot of times you put a guy inside and he's got a different look every time the ball's snapped. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Steve picked it up real easy."

Knotts said the weakest part of Doolittle's game last year was "people

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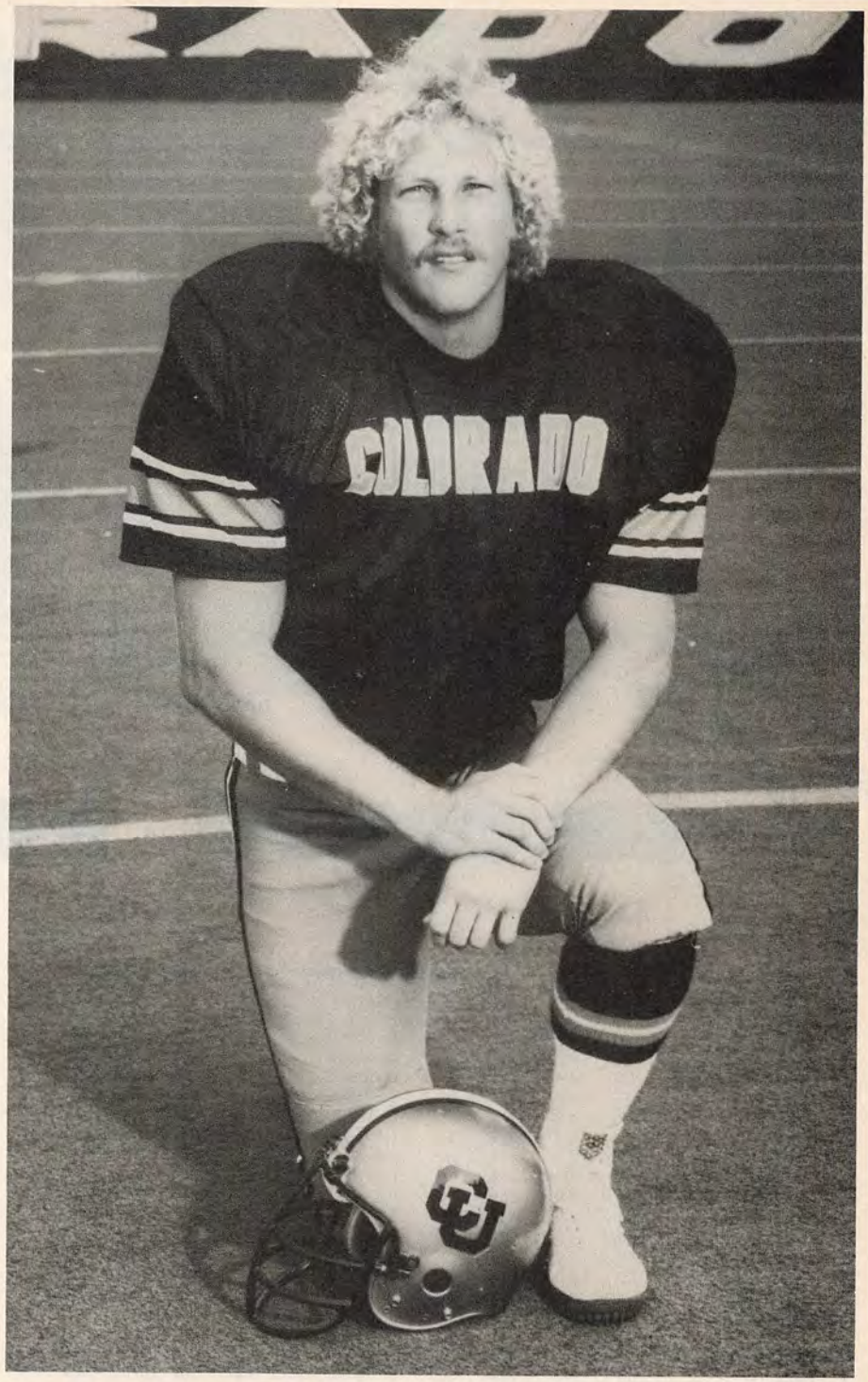


getting at his feet and bothering him. We thought, that by putting him inside it would make him play lower, that's the way it worked out in the spring.

"You're in full combat every time the ball is snapped. You go to war on every play, whether it's run or pass. There's no coasting. This way, too, he has more responsibility in the passing game, taking on the tight ends, and he's very good at that."

Doolittle has had his moments as a punter at Colorado, averaging 42.4 yards in 1978 and 38.1 on 14 punts last year. His roommate, Lance Olander, is supposed to be the Buff's No. 1 punter and that's perfectly all right with Dr. Doo.

"Lance is a better all-around punter," he says frankly. "He's really got the technique, a strong leg, better hang time and I think he might have a chance of playing professional football as a punter. If he gets hurt or something (as happened in 1978) and they want me to punt, I'll do it. I usually spend 15 or 20 minutes a day punting in the fall to keep the leg in shape."

Doolittle doesn't think the NCAA investigation will have any effect on the CU team this season. "That's totally up to the people involved," he said. "The team's not involved at all. They really can't say anything. There's 10,000 other people that know more about it than the players. We're just out there to do the best job we can."

Dr. Doo, an intelligent guy who is serious about his academic major in communication theory, shrugs at the inevitable pro football query. "I think it certainly does come to mind at this time in my career. But I'm not really worried about it right now. I've got obligations here, to myself first, before that comes along. If it does, and I'm lucky enough to be in that situation, I'd sure like to take advantage of it if I could. I think that's a part of every young football player's dream and goal."

The level-headed Doolittle has an ideal life philosophy. He doesn't kid himself and have any unwarranted delusions of grandeur.

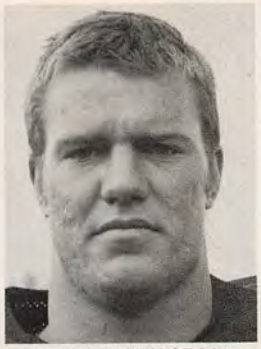
"I don't have any secrets," he says. "I'm just out there. If some of the younger kids happen to look up to me (which they do), and say 'he's a leader and this and that,' that's fine. If I've left a mark on some younger guy, that's what I'm in for. That's the self-satisfaction I get out of it.

"I'm not trying to go out there and be a big shot or anything like that. I just want to play the game and try to rub off on the younger guys. Maybe they can keep a good attitude and work hard and become better every year. I'm satisfied that I've become better every year. And I think I'm still getting better. I don't think anything beats experience. I just want to work hard, keep putting in the hours, keep the good attitude.

"A lot of people don't think that football players are too bright. I'd like to get away from that stereotype. Football players have feelings and hearts, too.

"This is supposed to be one of your favorite times of life. Everything must pass. I'm just trying to put in time now and have a good time."

CHARLIE DAVIS



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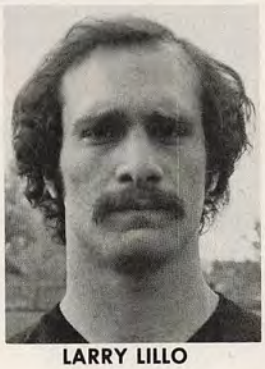

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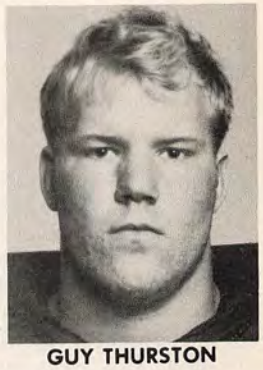

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73	Alison, Bruce	OT	6-5	232	Jr.	Arvada, CO
42	Beebe, Willie	FB	6-1	203	Jr.	Eureka, CA
54	Bell, Joe	OG	6-2	234	Sr.	Dallas, TX
75	Beverly, Randy	OG	6-4	245	So.	Houston, TX
71	Boich, Bob	OT	6-5	223	Jr.	Scottsdale, AZ
58	Braun, Cleon	ILB	6-2	215	So.	Corvallis, OR
86	Bulter, Rod	OLB	6-3	225	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
20	Bynum, Rickey	CB	6-1	193	Jr.	Miami, FL
60	Campbell, Bruce	OG	6-4	264	Sr.	New York, NY
9	Caprio, Jeff	QB	5-9	185	Jr.	Penscola, FL
41	Chace, Brad	SS	6-2	187	Sr.	Santa Ana, CA
56	Cone, Ray	ILB	6-3	221	So.	Edgewater, CO
99	Cousins, Joe	KS	6-0	175	So.	Winnetka, IL
47	Crosby, Kevin	KS	6-0	174	Sr.	West Chester, PA
19	Davis, Charles	HB-QB	6-0	202	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
5	Davis, Kevin	SS	6-2	182	So.	Rialto, CA
90	DeRose, Mark	OLB	6-1	201	So.	Pueblo, CO
38	Doolittle, Steve	OLB-P	6-3	225	Sr.	Tucson, AZ
57	Dunn, Pat	ILB	6-0	214	Sr.	Bainbridge Island, WA
3	Field, Tom	KS	6-0	172	So.	River Falls, WI
8	Fleming, Mike	SE	6-2	178	Jr.	Littleton, CO
23	Green, Mike	FB	6-0	199	Jr.	Thornton, CO
53	Gunter, Roger	OC	6-4	235	Jr.	Pueblo, CO
14	Hairston, Guy	QB	6-2	201	Jr.	Shelbyville, TN
64	Halamandaris,Bo	OG	6-3	237	Sr.	Woodland Hills, CA
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96	Herrera, John	ILB	6-2	230	Jr.	Dallas, TX
83	Hirsch, Mark	TE	6-4	201	So.	LaJunta, CO
35	Hogan, Willie	HB	5-11	177	So.	Markham, IL
45	Holmes, Donald	SE	5-11	160	So.	Miami, FL
36	Hood, Kevin	OLB	6-2	195	So.	Denver, CO
92	Hornung, Stan	DE	6-4	221	So.	Stratton, CO
40	Humble, Bob	OLB	6-1	203	Sr.	Englewood, CO
27	Hunter, Derek	WB	5-11	158	So.	Colorado Springs, CO
61	Johnson, Art Dale	OG	6-5	234	Jr.	Lawton, OK
70	Jones, Greg	OT	6-7	247	Jr.	Littleton, CO
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52	Kafkaloff, Wade	OC	6-3	234	So.	Pasadena, CA
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16	Law, Glen	QB	6-4	206	So.	Wellsville, NY
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51	Umphrey, Rich	ILB	6-3	226	Jr.	Tustin, CA
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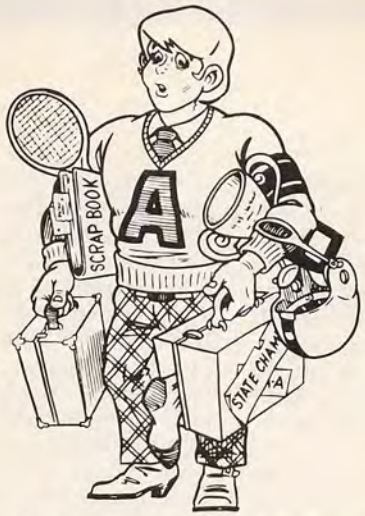
"Freshman Harvest"

Rumors can be misleading.



By HANK KEITZ

FUNNY THING HAPPENED on the way to the National Letter. One week Colorado was about to sign one of the best freshman classes in America, so thought Artie Gigantino of USC. Next thing you hear, Colorado had a bad year. "Got blown out in Texas. Lost Washington, Davis (MU), Howell (UCLA) and Call (Colo.St.) at home." one Big 8 recruiter was quoted as saying and the word spread fast.

"Why should that be so surprising. After all Fairbanks and company had gone 3 for 11 the first time out of the box." Not sufficient to bouy the confidence of a young man who's about to make the second biggest decision of his life. "Maybe their expectations were too high." That's what everyone was saying.

Even Terranova said Colorado had a mediocre year and failed to rank CU in the top 25 nationally...behind Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma State. Who should know better than Terranova? He's even quoted by Sports Illustrated these days. Must be the truth!

If this evaluation had been written by even a Colorado sports writer, this myth would have gained journalistic credibility. After all, 'I read it in *The Big Eight*'. From the perspective of the Blue Chip Bureau, the opposite viewpoint is clearly supported by the facts, which prompted this writer to speak out.

The Buffs signed four of the top 16 in California, according to the Los Angeles Times. Granted, Gigantino said this was an off year on the West Coast for exceptional talent, but no one was discounting the talent of those 16 players.

Barry Switzer was extremely high on Derek Singleton, a 5-11, 180 (4.5) running back and receiver from Santa Monica, Calif. Colorado went against UCLA, Oklahoma, USC, California and Washington for his services.

Another All-American is Sandy Armstrong (6-3, 230) linebacker from Los Angeles, Freemont who was hotly pursued by UCLA, USC, Washington, Indiana and Arizona State. Armstrong has 4.7 speed and was another of the California Super 16 to ink with the Buffs, along with linebacker Terry Irvin (6-2, 195, 4.6) of Los Angeles, St. Barnards and Mark Washington (6-5, 237, 4.7) of Compton. Washington has thrown the shot 55 feet and run a 22.3 220 and should come quickly in Colorado's defensive line. Irvin clocked a 9.7 in February and turned down UCLA, USC, Washington and 50 others to play for Colorado. Dick Moseley and Lannie Julias should get high praise for establishing the California connection for the future. Ray Braun was also a factor in the West Coast haul.

USC was quoted in several newspapers as narrowing their search to 4 running backs in America...Kerwin Bell (KU), Herschel Walker (GA), Todd Spencer (USC) AND Lee Rouson 6-2, 190, 4.5 (Colorado). That's two of the top 10 running backs in America bound for Boulder. And what about Guy Egging, 5-11, 186 (4.5) who only rushed for 2,500 yards and scored 188 points and 31 TDs in one season. He was on most All-American lists as you would expect with stats like that. The caliber of Colorado high school football competition has only produced two nationally acclaimed running backs in the past decade (Bobby Anderson and Terry Miller). This may warrant a "wait and see" attitude about Egging, but you can't argue with the credentials of this athlete.

Added to these skill players is Darryl Curry, 5-11, 170 of Rancho Cordova, Calif., who was selected as Player of the Year in Northern California. This has added import when you remember that Todd Spencer was USC's top catch in the offensive backfield and was by-passed in favor of Curry for this honor. Curry averaged 9 yards per carry and has 4.4 speed.

So far we have four backfield gems, two linebackers and a defensive tackle who were on everybody's 'take list'. Two more linebackers of note are Alan Chrite 6-2, 215, 4.6 of Detroit, Michigan and Scott Hardison, 6-4, 218, 4.7 of Pomona, Calif. Chrite was named the top linebacker in Michigan by the Detroit *Free Press* and turned down Michigan, Ohio State and Minnesota among others. Hardison was first-team All-CIF in football in California and a standout heavyweight wrestler with a 32-1 record. In other words, there should be a strong cast of linebackers in this class.

Vince Rafferty, 6-3, 245 (4.75) lineman from Longmont, Colo., is a man among boys. One of two Colorado linemen to make *Sporting News'* Top 15 linemen in the West along with Mark Morgan 6-5, 240 of Golden. Rafferty won the 1979 Colorado Class AAA State shot put title and power lifting title. Rafferty set a prep record in Colorado with a 1,405 pound power lift total, (500 squat, 380 bench and 525 dead lift).

These are the "can't miss" prospects if there is such a thing. Close in quality are Victor Scott, 6-0, 180, 4.5 cornerback from East St. Louis and Mike Berk a 6-5, 275 offensive guard from Van Nuys, California with 5.0 speed.

The sleepers are Mike Sylvester 6-4, 260, 5.0 strong tackle from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and Ron Nery, 6-8, 275, 5.1 weak tackle from Boise, Idaho. Sylvester was rated as the #23 player in Pennsylvania by the Pigskin Press.

If Colorado had a weakness in this class it was the loss of Steve Bono (UCLA) and Frank Seurer (Kansas) at quarterback. Steve Vogel, 6-4, 200, 4.8 of Colorado Springs must come through. Vogel was the #1 quarterback recruit of BYU and Stanford and should not be underestimated, but the need is great at Colorado.

Many other promising recruits could have been mentioned here, but the point was to refute a misinformed rumor. Only one Big 8 school recruited a better class and that's according to two national services which both ranked Colorado in the top 10 in the country.

An unfitting begining for a team which was 3-11 after its first taste of Big 8 battles. And a story which needed to be set straight.

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Also, fullback Harry Sydney is well-known, and quarterback Kevin Clinton has received plenty of publicity. But where the Jayhawks are hurting is at the so-called 'no-name' positions--both lines, linebackers and in the secondary.

And while many front-line players are suspect, there is precious little behind them. Fambrough harped on his lack of depth all spring.

"This is certainly as thin as any team I've started a spring practice with," he stressed time and again. "At staff meetings, we find ourselves talking more and more about incoming freshmen and where they'll fit in.

"There's more planning with that in mind than you usually have in the spring."

"They have to," intoned offensive co-ordinator John Hadl. "We don't have any choice."

Customarily, coaches underplay freshmen with good reason. Yearlings turn things around about as often as a filly wins the Kentucky Derby.

The best thing about KU's recruiting class is it is selling tickets. Season sales were up in the spring which is good news because Jayhawks' average home attendance slipped to 34,000 a game in 1979.

"Anytime people anticipate what freshmen can do," Fambrough underlined, "that's exciting. And I'd rather have our people excited. I'd rather have it that way than the other way."

Meanwhile, the Jayhawks will go about the business of trying to win football games--the other proven way of selling tickets.

Kansas' improvement last year was most noticeable on offense, partly because of a basically veteran offensive line and partly because senior quarterback Brian Bethke played well after Clinton was injured.

Once again, Clinton goes into the season as the No. 1 quarterback and the jury is still out on the strong-armed junior out of Wichita. Can he be a team leader? Can he play with injury? Can he quit throwing interceptions?

"Clinton is our starting quarterback right now," Fambrough said, "and he will continue to be until someone beats him out."

The 6-3 signal-caller shed about 10 pounds over his '79 playing weight in the spring and looked more nimble, although he's no runner and never will be.

"In my opinion he had a bum rap last year," Hadl says. "People tend to forget those broken ribs. And he should be able to move better. He's under 210 pounds now."

In the spring, Fambrough raved about junior Steve Smith, calling the 5-11, 180-pounder the Jayhawks' most improved player. Some suspected, however, that Fambrough may have just been trying to light a fire under Clinton with that evaluation.

Smith does not possess Clinton's skills as a passer, has never lettered and suffered a setback when, in the spring game, his collarbone was broken.

Still around, too, at quarterback is 6-3, 200-pound senior Bill Lillis who can throw the long pass, if not with Clinton's accuracy. Freshman Frank Seurer, the prep All-America from Huntington Beach, Calif., surely will get a good look.

Moving Sydney from quarterback to fullback last year paid off handsomely as KU at last came up with the semblance of a running game. The best word to describe the 6-0, 215-pounder Sydney is solid. He can run, catch and block. Sydney led the Jayhawks with 541 yards rushing last year, and also topped the spring game stats with 108 yards--including a 67-yard touchdown scamper.

No one wins in the Big Eight without a quality tailback. Kansas has three candidates--Walter Mach, Garfield Taylor and Kerwin Bell. All three have speed, something hardly in abundance in Kansas' camp over the last few years.

Mack came highly touted out of a California junior college last season and showed flashes until his season was effectively ended with a foot injury in the Iowa State game. Not big at 5-10, 180 pounds, Mack showed he's recovered by gaining 92 yards in 17 carries in the spring game.

Taylor came to Kansas highly regarded out of a Miami, Fla., high school last fall and promptly suffered a knee injury in pre-season workouts. Thus the 6-1, 205-pounder was red-shirted and will be a freshman again this fall.

Has Taylor recovered? Answer: 87 yards in 19 carries during the spring game.

Bell, of course, needs little introduction. He's the California prep who spurned Southern Cal, Oklahoma and Nebraska, then chose Kansas. Needless to say, Bell doesn't figure to play on the junior varsity.

Verser is the cream of a good receiving corp. As if to prove he still has it, the 6-1, 200-pound senior caught two long bombs in the spring game. They seemed almost routine.

"I've said many, many times," Fambrough pointed out, "that he's one of the finest athletes I've ever been around. He's fast and has soft hands. If you get the football to him, he's dangerous."

Fambrough will definitely try to get the football to Verser whose only weakness is that he often suffers from nagging injuries.

Other KU receivers of note are Wayne Capers, a converted running back who had a 72-yard punt return in the spring game; Russ Bastin, apparently healed from a heel injury that sidelined him all last season; and Lester Mickens, the track sprinter who has improved every year as a football player.

At tight end are senior Mike Kennaw and sophomore Jeff Schleicher. Both can catch the ball, but weigh only about 220 pounds apiece which is undersized by tight end standards.

Center Bob Fiss and guard Bob Whitten are the only returning starters on the interior offensive line, and Whitten has been moved to tackle to shore up a void there.

Whitten (6-3, 270) and Greg Roach (6-6, 260), also a senior, loom as the starting tackles with seniors Gus Kyles (6-5, 245) and Fred Osborn (6-4, 240), and junior Dave Lawrence (6-5, 240) battling for the two guard spots.

Fiss goes 6-3, 250 so Kansas doesn't lack for size up front, although speed is not a hallmark. If any of the aforementioned get hurt, the gulp you hear will be Fambrough's.

At all times last season, Kansas was using 11 players on defense, even though sometimes it didn't appear that way. Somehow KU won two conference games despite surrendering 53 more points than any other team in the league.

Every time opponents had the ball against the Jayhawks, they averaged 5.5 yards per play. Often, KU's defenders were little more than revolving doors.

And the bad news is that three of the four best players on that defense--outside linebackers Kirby Criswell and Jim Zidd, and free safety Leroy Irvin--have graduated.

The fourth is senior nose guard Stan Gardner, a brick whose size (6-0, 260) belies his quickness. Gardner, despite nearly constant double-teaming, had a whopping 17 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Gardner is quality, but that doesn't

mean there isn't some potential quality to go with him.

Junior linebacker Chris Toburen may be a budding star, although he's not particularly big at 6-2, 215. "I consider him one of the premier linebackers in the Big Eight," says Fambrough.

Next to Toburen is 6-5, 225-pound senior Scellars Young who has yet to tap the potential he showed as a freshman despite leading the team with 107 tackles last fall.

On the outside, senior Hilton Dawson (6-3, 230) is a capable replacement for Zidd on the strong side. "We feel," says defensive coordinator Tom Batta, "that Dawson will come through for us."

Based on the spring game, juco transfer Ken McGovern (6-1, 210) will replace Criswell on the weak side. In that trade, KU is losing five inches and 20 pounds.

On the line, Batta needs a couple of tackles who'll perform well enough to take the heat off Gardner. Last year he didn't have that. Perhaps juco transfers Guy Neighbors (6-6, 270) and Broderick Thompson (6-6, 265) are the answers, although there was some question as to Thompson's eligibility late in the spring.

Other tackle candidates are Mark Wilbers (6-4, 255), Joe Haus (6-4, 245) and Jeff Fox (6-3, 245). Fox missed the spring after suffering a knee injury in the seventh game last year. "We need him this fall," Batta stressed.

Two other spring knee cases, Kyle McNorton and Dave Mehrer, are expected to be ready by this fall to contest Toburen and Young at linebacker. No one is counting out freshman Mike Arbanas, either.

Kansas' secondary was better against the pass than against the run last season, and it wasn't that good against aerial attacks. That tells you something.

Irvin, who finished his career as KU's all-time leading tackler, was a three-year fixture at free safety. He was supposed to be the last line of defense, but too often was the ONLY line of defense.

So many minutes did Irvin log that the two players who are battling for his job didn't even play last year. Roger Foote and Robert Gentry were red-shirted while Fambrough crossed his fingers that Irvin wouldn't be injured.

At strong safety, Frank Wattelet doesn't have the size (5-11, 195) or speed, but is a two-time All-Big Eight academic selection. Behind him are sophomore Ray Evans and juco transfer Gary Luster. Wattelet had four interceptions last season.

SCELLARS YOUNG (52) takes aim on the Tigers James Wilder (32). A classic open field tackle.

Senior Delvin Miller started every game at cornerback last year and, although he improved against the run, he still has a ways to go. At the other corner, Fambrough started four different players last season. Senior Joe Tumpich and red-shirt senior Dave Harris were neck-and-neck for that job in the spring.

Fambrough moved wide receiver Dan Wagoner behind Miller in the spring in an attempt to inject some speed into those ranks. Wagoner showed some affinity for the position. He's short at 5-10, but is really the only deep back KU has who can keep up with the burners.

Fambrough has compound problems with his kicking game. In losing one player (Mike Hubach) to graduation, he lost both his punter and his place-kicker.

Punting, however, should be okay with red-shirt soph Bucky Scribner pencilled in. Scribner's leg is so good, he sometimes overkicks the coverage.

Steve Smith will probably kick extra points this fall (the reserve quarterback subbed for Hubach when he was injured in the season finale), but there is some question about Smith's range on field goals.

Consequently, Fambrough is hoping freshman Bruce Kallmeyer--recruited solely for that purpose--comes through.

That, of course, makes Kallmeyer just one more first-year player Fambrough is banking on. There is a theory that even if you're counting on just one freshman, that's one too many.

"Some of our freshmen will be ready to play," Fambrough pointed out, "and some won't. It's my job to get the ones who are ready to play."

All Fambrough can do is hope there are enough of them to get the Jayhawks, 7-25-1 over the last three seasons, back on the road to respectability. 8

SCELLARS YOUNG

HARRY SYDNEY

KEVIN CLINTON

BOB FISS

STAN GARDNER

KANSAS ROSTER

CHRIS TOBUREN

FRANK WATTELET

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
37	Alexander, Carky	OLB	6-3	215	FR	Topeka, KS
47	Alexander, Marky	OLB	6-3	215	FR	Topeka, KS
97	Amerine, Randell	DT	6-3	230	Fr.	Ellinwood, KS
36	Andersøn, Dane	FB	6-1	205	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
86	Arbanas, Mike	LB	6-4	220	Fr.	Grandview, MO
72	Atkins, Renwick	C	6-5	265	Fr.	Chicago, IL
68	Barnett, Pat	OG	6-4	230	Fr.	Pittsburg, KS
23	Bastin, Russ	FL	6-2	205	So.	Emporia, KS
4	Bell, Kerwin	TB	5-9	180	Fr.	Huntington Beach, CA
60	Bertsch, Todd	OLB	6-2	210	So.	Dodge City, KS
16	Bohn, Mike	QB	6-3	195	So.	Boulder, CO
25	J. C. Booker	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Hot Springs, AR
19	Boushka, Jim	FL	6-3	205	So.	Wichita, KS
75	Brown, K. C.	OT	6-6	260	Fr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
54	Bruce, Ed	C	6-1	230	Jr.	Lee's Summit, MO
51	Bruno, Kerry	ILB	6-4	220	Fr.	Houston, TX
41	Butts, Brad	FB	6-1	200	So.	Mulvane, KS
20	Capers, Wayne	WR	6-2	200	So.	South Miami, FL
13	Clinton, Kevin	QB	6-3	210	Jr.	Wichita, KS
84	Coleman, Gary	OLB	6-1	210	So.	Lawrence, KS
45	Connors, Scott	ILB	6-1	200	Fr.	Joplin, MO
27	Davis, Tim	FB	6-1	200	So.	Aurora, CO
73	Dawson, Hilton	OLB	6-3	235	Sr.	Compton, CA
28	Demerritte, Rod	CB	5-10	170	Fr.	Miami, FL
30	Evans, Ray	SS	6-1	200	So.	Kansas City, MO
58	Fiss, Bob	C	6-3	250	Sr.	Overland Park, KS
9	Foote, Roger	FS	6-3	205	So.	Peabody, KS
95	Fox, Jeff	DT	6-3	245	Sr.	LaCresenta, CA
7	Friess, Tim	SS	6-2	200	Jr.	Lyons, KS
65	Gardner, Stanley	NG	6-0	260	Sr.	Savannah, GA
1	Gentry, Robert	FS	6-2	190	So.	Hot Springs, AR
22	Green, Darren	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
66	Griffith, Bill	OG	6-3	240	Sr.	Ballwin, MO
43	Harris, Dave	CB	6-0	180	Sr.	Fowler, KS
93	Haus, Joe	DT	6-4	250	Jr.	Lee's Summit, MO
46	Hegwood, Earnest	OLB	6-3	230	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
18	Hines, Jeff	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	Littleton, CO
87	Hoag, Chuck	OLB	6-3	200	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
94	Horn, Bryan	ILB	6-2	210	Jr.	Pratt, KS
85	Johnson, Buford	ILB	6-2	210	Jr.	North Little Rock, AR
39	Jones, E. J.	SS	6-1	210	Fr.	Chicago, IL
82	Jones, Greg	NG	6-3	225	Sr.	Osborne, KS
2	Kallmeyer, Bruce	K	5-10	170	Fr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
44	Kemp, Larry	FB	6-0	210	Sr.	Alhambra, CA
80	Kennaw, Mike	TE	6-3	230	Sr.	LaCresanta, CA
59	Kyles, Augusta	OG	6-5	245	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
62	Lawrence David	OG	6-5	240	Jr.	Parsons, KS
14	Lillis, Bill	QB	6-3	200	Sr.	Kansas City, MO

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
29	Luster, Gary	CB	6-2	190	Jr.	Saugas, CA
34	Mack, Walter	TB	5-10	185	Jr.	San Francisco, CA
96	Malavasi, Bill	ILB	6-1	220	Fr.	Huntington Beach, CA
78	McAdams, Jay	OT	6-4	250	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
33	McCarroll, John	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Duncan, SC
50	McCraney, Joe	NG	5-10	235	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
88	McGovern, Ken	OLB	6-1	210	Jr.	Lawrence, KS
35	McNeely, Tony	CB	6-1	200	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
81	McNorton, Kyle	ILB	6-1	230	Jr.	Topeka, KS
38	Mehrer, Dave	ILB	6-2	210	So.	Kansas City, MO
11	Messner, Marc	QB	6-2	180	Fr.	Wichita, KS
3	Mickens, Lester	FL	6-0	170	Sr.	Decatur, GA
31	Miller, Delvin	CB	6-0	180	Sr.	Monessen, FL
57	Modie, Tom	OG	6-2	230	So.	Marietta, OH
99	Neighors, Guy	DT	6-6	270	Jr.	Tempe, AZ
70	Oliver, Steve	OT	6-4	280	Sr.	Wabaunsee, KS
69	Osborn, Fred	OG	6-4	240	Sr.	Elk Falls, KS
32	Patterson, Elvis	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	Houston, TX
6	Pearl, Mike	TB	6-0	185	So.	Kansas City, MO
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-2	200	So.	Ardmore, OK
91	Powers, Ken	DT	6-6	240	So.	Moscow, KS
74	Roach, Greg	OT	6-6	260	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, CA
3	Robinson, Lonnie	OG	6-3	255	Fr.	Chicago, IL
61	Scales, Jerry	ILB	6-4	230	Fr.	Houston, TX
90	Schleicher, Jeff	TE	6-4	210	So.	Overland Park, KS
8	Scribner, Bucky	P	6-0	205	So.	Lawrence, KS
55	Sedlacek, Jerry	C	6-0	240	Sr.	Hanover, KS
10	Seurer, Frank	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	Huntington Beach, CA
92	Simecka, Bennie	DT	6-4	245	Fr.	Rossville, KS
56	Simmons, Eddie	ILB	6-2	205	Fr.	Miramar, FL
77	Smith, Greg	DT	6-3	285	Jr.	Chicago, IL
76	Smith, Reggie	OT	6-4	255	Fr.	Chicago, IL
12	Smith, Steve	QB	6-0	185	Jr.	Emporia, KS
17	Sneed, Jeff	OB	6-0	170	Fr.	Wellington, KS
24	Sydney, Harry	FB	6-0	215	Sr.	Fayetteville, NC
26	Taylor, Garfield	TB	6-1	205	Fr.	Miami, FL
53	Thierolf, Grant	C	6-3	235	So.	Beloit, KS
64	Toburen, Chris	ILB	6-2	220	Jr.	Pittsburg, KS
49	Tumpich, Joe	CB	5-10	185	Sr.	Chicago, IL
89	Verser, David	WR	6-1	200	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
5	Wagoner, Dan	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	High Point, NC
40	Wattelet, Frank	SS	5-11	195	Sr.	Abilene, KS
71	Wessling, Dave	OT	6-5	240	So.	Wichita, KS
79	Whitten, Bob	OT	6-3	270	Sr.	Junction City, KS
98	Wilbers, Mark	DT	6-4	255	So.	St. Louis, MO
48	Womack, Brad	TB	5-11	195	So.	Russellville, AR
83	Wright, Ernie	TE	6-5	210	Fr.	San Diego, CA
52	Young, Schellars	ILB	6-5	230	Sr.	St. Louis, MO

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KEVIN CLINTON
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Steve Smith
(6-0, 185, Jr.)

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Wayne Capers
(6-2, 200, So.)

Mike Kennaw
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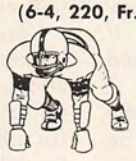

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Todd Bertsch
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Mark Wilbers
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Guy Neighbors
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STAN GARDNER
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Greg Smith
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Joe Haus
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Broderick Thompson
(6-6, 265, Jr.)

Hilton Dawson
(6-3, 230, Sr.)
Earnest Hegwood
(6-3, 230, Jr.)

CHRIS TOBUREN
(6-2, 215, Jr.)
Bryan Horn
(6-2, 210, Jr.)

SCELLARS YOUNG
(6-5, 225, Sr.)
Buford Johnson
(6-2, 210, Jr.)

DELVIN MILLER
(6-0, 180, Sr.)
Dan Wagoner
(5-10, 175, Jr.)

Joe Tumpich
(5-10, 185, Sr.)
Dave Harris
(6-0, 180, Sr.)

FRANK WATTELET
(5-11, 195, Sr.)
Ray Evans
(6-1, 200, So.)

Robert Gentry
(6-2, 190, So.)
Roger Foote
(6-3, 205, So.)

DEPTH CHART

(CAPS indicate returning starters)

A SHORT TIME TO THE

They're throwing the ball again in Lawrence, and naturally a Jayhawker lead the league.

By GARY BEDORE, *Lawrence Journal World*

A spiffy looking David Verser strode into the Parrott Athletic Center, made his way past some athletes pumping iron and headed through the narrow hallway leading to his locker.

Verser, Kansas' 6-1, 200-pound senior wide receiver, took off his black leather jacket and placed it on the hook in his stall. After hanging up the coat, Verser paused, and his eyes danced to the Dallas Cowboys' emblem glued to the wall of the cubicle.

Verser smiled, then admitted his dream is to wear Dallas' blue and white next year after graduating from KU.

"I'd like to go right to the top--Dallas or Pittsburgh," said Verser. "I think I've got a good shot. I can't see any other receiver who's done as much as I have in such a short time."

Short time? Verser has been KU's primary receiver for three years, and enters his senior campaign with 47 receptions for 900 yards--ranking him fifth on the all-time KU receiving chart. Verser, however, doesn't like to count his first two years at Kansas, when pass was a nasty, four-letter word to then head football coach Bud Moore.

"Block, block, block--that's all I did in the games," said Verser. "It was discouraging. In practice, we threw a lot, but you knew on Saturdays you'd get one or two passes at most. It felt funny to see the ball coming. Every game I'd get my one chance, and usually drop it."

That all changed, however, when Don Fambrough took over the coaching reins last year. He scrapped Moore's option-oriented attack, switched to the pro-set, and Verser responded with 21 catches for 463 yards and four touchdowns. He also rushed six times on reverses for 69 yards and a touchdown.

"When they started to throw more, it all came back," said Verser, an All-Big Eight selection last year. "I feel if they throw the ball in my area, I'll catch it. If you can get both hands on it, it should be caught."

Verser recalls his finest moment in the Oklahoma State game last year, when he caught passes of 35, 49 and 67 yards for a total of 151. That's just two yards short of the best single-game performance in KU history. Interestingly enough, all three receptions came in the first half.

"It's kind of funny, they didn't throw to me after the first half," said Verser. "But, I was getting double-covered. It's nothing new. Teams put one guy behind me; one in front of me. One bumps me, then the other guy tries to keep me off stride. Or sometimes they play a deep zone. One guy is 30 yards down the field, one 50 yards down. They just back up."

Verser grimaces when asked if it's an honor to see defenses respect him. "No, it's more of a hassle," he said. "I remember my first touchdown in high school. I was a sophomore and I ran a pattern downfield; they threw me the ball, and I ran it in. Since then, I've always been double-covered. Teams would lead 35-0, and I'd hear them yell, 'watch number 89, watch 89'."

Verser has worn the number of his idol--former Kansas City Chiefs' number 89 Otis Taylor--all his life. That includes his high school playing days at Sumner High in Kansas City, Kansas.

Verser, in fact, competed in three sports--football, track and basketball--at Sumner. "Basketball was my first love," said Verser. "I played before class, during lunch and after school. Going into high school, I wasn't going to play football. But, the principal said if I played football, recruiters would come to look at me. I guess I owe him a lot for that advice."

Verser said he was recruited for basketball by seven major universities and football by 150. The choices were narrowed to Nebraska and Kansas, and for a brief moment, Verser was headed for Big Red country.

He signed a Nebraska letter-of-intent sent to him in the mail, but he never dropped it in the mailbox. Verser has the letter sitting on the dresser in his apartment room.

"Sometimes I wish I'd gone to Nebraska--I'd have three bowl rings," he said. "Or I wish I'd have gone to Stanford where my friend Larry Harris (defensive back) went. We were teammates in high school, and whenever he comes home, he teases me about having two bowl rings and me having none.

"I really didn't think about all that when I picked KU. I decided on Kansas because it's close to home. I'm close to my family and I knew I'd want to go home a lot."

When he does go home, the kids of the neighborhood come out in droves. "It's rewarding," said Verser. "Every place I go they say, 'that's David Verser'. My brothers and I will get a tag football game going on the street and the kids will watch. Then, I play summer league basketball, and kids say, 'Does he play basketball or football in college?'"

Verser did play a year of basketball for Kansas, but only as a reserve. He decided to devote full time in the off-season to lifting weights for footall. Verser hopes the work will pay off. He can leg squat 560 pounds--most on the team--and he hope the training will cut down on nagging injuries.

"I had a hyperextended knee after the

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Oklahoma State game (seventh game) last year," said Verser. "I think this will help. I've got to stay healthy. Who knows, this might be the year we get to a bowl game."

That certainly depends on how well the whole team plays, coming off last year's 3-8 campaign. And, Verser is going to be counted on for some senior leadership.

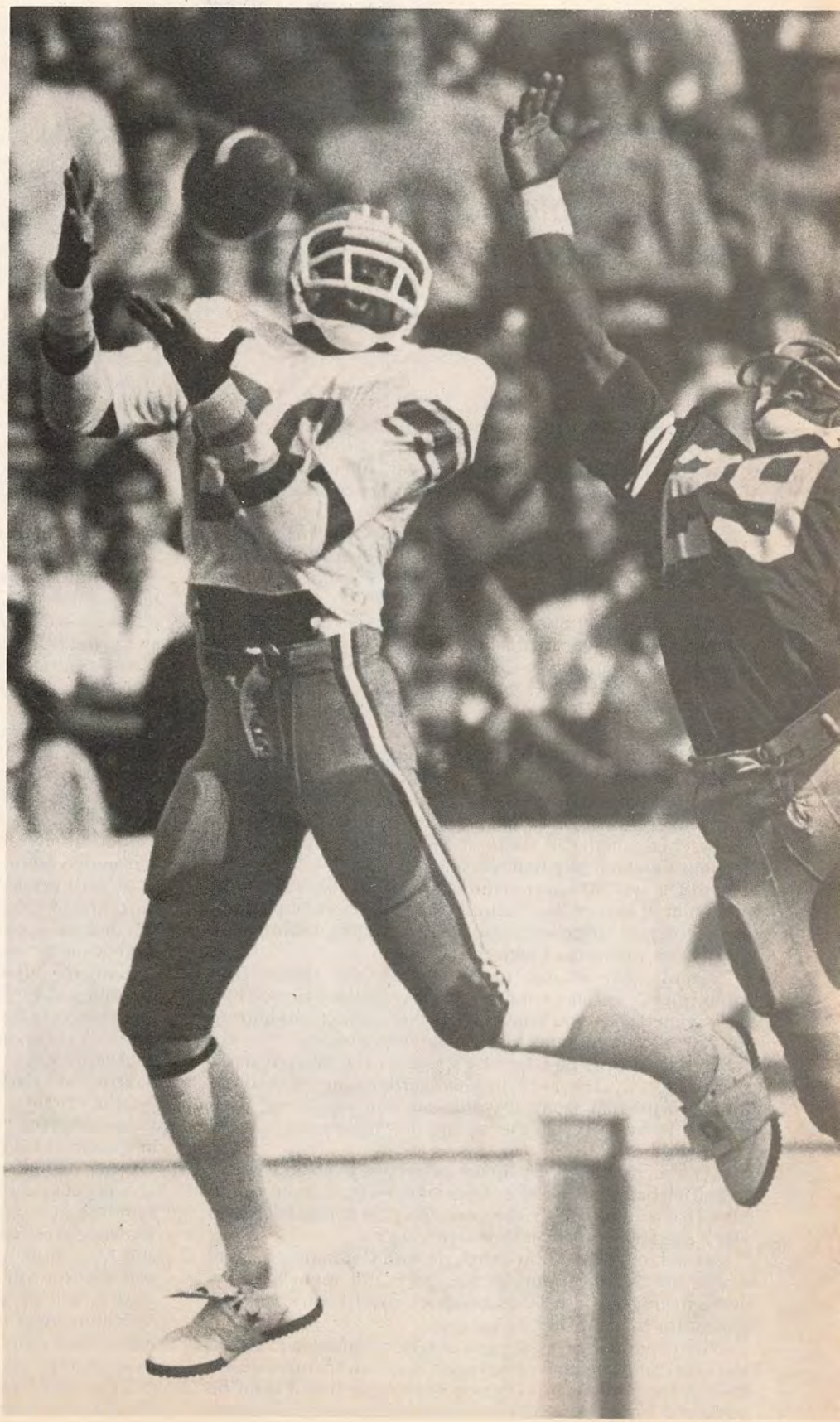
The KU coaches say Verser is a natural leader. "Just watching him makes the other players work harder," said KU receiver coach Don McLeary. "Sometimes a player with a lot of talent will go through the motions and slide by. But, David doesn't. He wants to be a team leader."

But, he's not the rah-rah type.

"David is very quiet," said Fambrough, "but I always feel a person leads by his actions. He gives 100 percent every time he steps on the field. He's one of the finest athletes we've had here at the University of Kansas.

"I've had some fine receivers, but David is kind of unique. Emmett Edwards (All-Big Eight in 1973-74, and KU's all-time leader with 1,846 reception yardage), could do a lot of things, but he wasn't strong. Bruce Adams (second on KU charts with 1,511 yards) didn't have great speed. But, David has size, speed and great concentration. When he catches the ball, the guy can run."

He's a possible All-America selection, says Fambrough, and David won't argue with that. "All-Big Eight, All-American, I want them all," said Verser. "But, I want to be on a winner. I don't want Missouri to beat us 55-7 again. I look at the films of that game, and it makes me mad. If I have anything to do with it, we won't get embarrassed by anyone again. I want to go out a winner."



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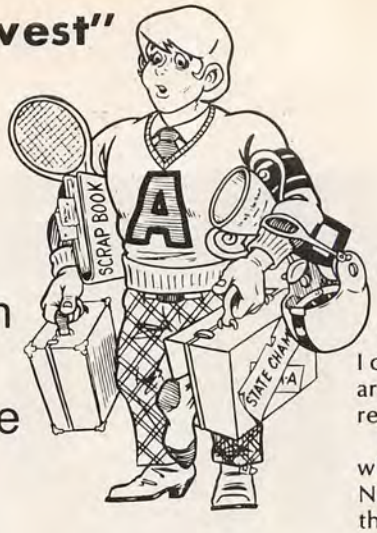

Jayhawks sign America's most explosive backfield.

By CHUCK WOODLING, *Lawrence Journal-World*

LATE LAST FEBRUARY, when 99 percent of the results were in, a writer asked Nebraska recruiting co-ordinator Jerry Pettibone to rate the Big Eight.

In a nutshell, Pettibone allowed how his own Huskers and Oklahoma had done the best job while Missouri and Kansas did "better than last year." The others Pettibone termed "just average".

Apprised of Pettibone's remarks, Kansas recruiting co-ordinator Rich Rachel had a little different assessment of the Jayhawks as compared to Oklahoma and Nebraska.

"We feel like ours," Rachel stressed, "was on a level with theirs. Oh, yeah, we really do. We thought we had a great year."

And that was BEFORE Kansas had signed Kerwin Bell.

Oklahoma and Nebraska football fans are certainly acquainted with Bell, the 5-9, 180-pound ball-carrying blur from Huntington Beach, Calif. As national letter of intent day approached, media in those states kept up a day-by-day account of which way Bell was leaning.

Both OU and NU coveted the Mike Garrett-like Bell and, at one point, it looked like Nebraska had him locked up. Then, in the biggest surprise of the 1980 recruiting season, Bell signed two weeks later with the Jayhawks.

"Signing that young man," smiled KU coach Don Fambrough, "was like icing on the cake. When you see him play, immediately you know he has that instinct and blazing speed. He's not big, but he has everything else."

For the record, Bell has 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash, rushed for 2,223 yards in 266 carries and scored 26 touchdowns--half from 30 yards on out. His list of prep honors is as long as the string of tacklers he usually left behind.

It's no secret Kansas would not even have been able to talk to Bell if it hadn't signed the player who did the handing off to him. That is Frank Seurer, the quarterback at Edison High who was a prep All-American in his own right.

Kansas landed Seurer in a struggle with Colorado (the state where the 6-2, 185-pounder was born and spent his early years) mainly because KU quarterback coach John Hadl once played for the San Diego Chargers.

When Seurer was eight years old, he attended a Chargers summer camp and guess who taught him how to throw a football? After Hadl secured Seurer, Bell soon heard from his backfield teammate who convinced him to visit Lawrence.

"Kerwin had a great visit here," Fambrough explained, "and I credit the players already in our program with that. Our kids are sold on the rebuilding we're doing, and I think the recruits we brought in could see that."

Indeed, the signing of Bell has at this stage overshadowed what is certainly KU's finest recruiting year since 1973 when Nolan Cromwell, Laverne Smith and Mike Butler inked with the Jayhawks.

Bell's decision to attend Kansas will certainly spur interest in KU's program. Attendance has been sagging. But one man doesn't win football games and KU's recruiting this year was, in actuality, dominated by the dire need for linemen and linebackers.

Size was a pressing need and size is what the Jawhawks obtained in abundance.

From in-state, KU landed Randall Amerine (6-3, 230), K. C. Brown (6-6, 260) and Bennie Simecka (6-4, 245). From the Chicago area came three more bulky types--Renwick Atkins (6-5, 265), Lonnie Robinson (6-3, 255) and Reggie Smith (6-4, 255).

Two more came from Houston--Kerry Bruno (6-4, 220) and Jerry Scales (6-4, 230). And, finally, a trio of beefy juco transfers--John Praters (6-3, 250), Guy Neighbors (6-6, 270) and Broderick Thompson (6-6, 265).

As desperate as the Jayhawks are for linemen, all eleven may get to play right away.

Same goes for the new faces at linebacker--particularly Mike Arbanas, the 6-4, 220-pound prep All-American from Grandview, Mo., who turned down OU, NU and MU to sign with Kansas. The son of former Kansas City Chiefs tight end Fred Arbanas may be the "big" linebacker Kansas has lacked ever since Terry Beeson graduated.

Then there are the Topeka twins, Carky and Marky Alexander. Nebraska wanted that package, but KU tied the knot with the 6-3, 215-pound look-alikes. And there's the third link in the Edison High connection, Bill Malavasi. The son of Los Angeles Rams head coach Ray Malavasi fits into the linebacker picture, too.

"Son of" describes several members of this Kansas recruiting class. You can put a couple of tight end prospects in that category, too.

Chuck Hoag, one of three signees KU corralled in its own backyard, is the son of Charlie Hoag, a former All-Big Eight halfback at Kansas. Hoag the Younger goes 6-5, 210.

Ernie Wright II is the son of the former San Diego Chargers tight end of the same name. KU is hoping like father-like son in the case of Wright, also 6-5, 210.

Bruce Kallmeyer doesn't have a famous father, and he isn't very big at 5-10 and 170-pounds, but Kallmeyer may be one of Fambrough's most important signees. Kallmeyer, from Shawnee Mission South, does have a strong leg, however, and KU is hoping he'll fill the void left by the graduation of place-kicker Mike Hubach.

All in all, no one can argue Kansas didn't have a good recruiting year. But Fambrough, who has been to the wars more than any other Big Eight coach, emphasizes that freshmen are, in the final analysis, freshmen.

"Our fans have to be realistic," he underlined. "We're just building a foundation." 8

1979 BIG EIGHT STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

RUSHING OFFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Att.	Yds.	Game Avg.
2	OU	652	3868	351.6
3	NU	715	3796	345.1
71	MU	511	2054	186.7
92	ISU	526	1784	162.2
96	OSU	489	1727	157.0
107	KSU	517	1577	143.4
112	CU	517	1538	139.8
128	KU	474	1273	115.7

PASSING OFFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Comp	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Game Avg.
36	OSU	128	282	13	45.4	1711	155.5
40	KU	124	274	16	45.3	1662	151.1
45	KSU	133	266	22	50.0	1621	147.4
64	CU	122	260	17	46.9	1506	136.9
68	MU	128	239	9	53.6	1459	132.6
86	NU	94	184	8	51.1	1317	119.7
117	ISU	99	229	13	43.2	1040	94.5
134	OU	41	89	6	46.1	844	76.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Att.	Yds.	Game Avg.
2	NU	418	1024	93.1
33	OU	556	1691	153.7
57	MU	539	1912	173.8
67	OSU	577	2013	183.0
91	KSU	570	2251	204.6
115	CU	614	2579	234.5
120	ISU	588	2615	237.7
126	KU	585	2737	248.8

PASSING DEFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Comp	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Game Avg.
9	CU	76	188	10	40.4	1071	97.4
21	ISU	97	199	16	48.7	1173	106.6
42	NU	111	247	17	44.9	1359	123.5
54	OU	123	249	18	49.4	1418	128.9
70	MU	132	287	17	46.0	1513	137.5
79	KSU	127	237	10	53.6	1574	143.1
103	OSU	135	229	9	59.0	1704	154.9
121	KU	139	266	14	52.3	1882	171.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Pts.	Game Avg.
5	Nebraska	899	5113	464.8	366	33.3
10	Oklahoma	741	4712	428.4	382	34.7
78	Missouri	750	3513	319.4	236	21.5
85	Oklahoma State	771	3438	312.5	191	17.4
104	Kansas State	783	3198	290.7	154	14.0
112	Colorado	777	3044	276.7	168	15.3
123	Iowa State	755	2824	256.7	137	12.5

TOTAL DEFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Att.	Yds.	Att. Avg.	Pts.	Game Avg.
5	Nebraska	665	2383	216.6	114	10.4
31	Oklahoma	805	3109	282.6	138	12.5
52	Missouri	826	3425	311.4	152	13.8
77	Colorado	802	3650	331.8	274	24.9
83	Oklahoma State	806	3717	337.9	212	19.3
88	Iowa State	787	3788	344.4	221	20.1
92	Kansas State	807	3825	347.7	225	20.5
134	Kansas	851	4619	419.9	346	31.5

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

LINEMEN

Team	Player	UT	AT	TT	T-LOSS
ISU	Neil	45	49	94	7-12
ISU	Herren	31	27	58	4-19
KSU	Walker	42	46	88	14-64
KSU	Bennett	25	35	60	4-18
OSU	Boone	28	77	105	10-54
OSU	Antle	26	70	96	5-27
CU	Short	66	70	136	12-87
CU	Visger	43	45	88	6-36
KU	Gardner	47	35	82	17-66
KU	Jackson	33	31	64	4-30
MU	Goodman	33	65	98	12-50
MU	Ray	20	56	76	10-39
NU	Cole	37	24	61	10-42
NU	Nelson	29	19	48	7-56
OU	Turner	63	31	94	7-48
OU	Taton	43	45	88	11-40

LINEBACKERS

Team	Player	UT	AT	TT	T-LOSS
ISU	Leaders	64	59	123	15-62
ISU	Vieceli	40	44	84	5-10
KSU	Cole	61	68	129	3-18
KSU	Crews	45	49	94	4-26
OSU	Young	46	100	146	10-59
OSU	Corker	35	78	113	2-7
CU	Scott	36	34	70	6-31
CY	Doolittle	28	36	64	8-43
KU	Young	51	56	107	3-9
KU	McNorton	34	51	85	2-5
MU	Berg	32	83	115	8-23
MU	Dickey	29	58	87	2-3
NU	Baker	51	27	78	2-3
NU	Williams	43	30	73	5-20
OU	Cumby	75	75	151	10-55
OU	Dittman	60	59	119	4-11

BACKS

Team	Player	UT	AT	TT	T-LOSS
ISU	Schwartz	49	39	88	1-1
ISU	Crawford	40	25	65	1-4
KSU	Horchem	37	22	59	0-0
KSU	Owen	39	17	56	0-0
OSU	Johnson	52	38	90	0-0
OSU	DiClementi	20	35	55	2-8
CU	Davis	36	22	58	2-5
CU	Roberts	32	25	57	2-11
KU	Irvin	64	39	103	0-0
KU	Wattelet	42	47	89	0-0
MU	Wright	35	20	55	1-5
MU	Potter	21	26	47	3-6
NU	Gary	25	20	45	1-2
NU	LeRoy	21	18	39	5-20
OU	Taylor	43	18	61	5-22
OU	Banks	36	14	50	2-3

PASSES BROKEN UP

Team	Player	No.
ISU	Schwartz	5
KSU	Switzer	6
KSU	Crews	6
KSU	Owen	8
KSU	Morrill	5
OSU	Hill	5
OSU	Lewis	7
CU	Davis	8
CU	Johnson	5
KU	Irvin	5
MU	Wright	7
MU	Poe	7
MU	Green	5
NU	Lindquist	5
OU	Ray	6
OU	Cumby	5

FUMBLES RECOVERED

Team	Player	No.
CU	Haynes	5
ISU	Schwartz	4
KU	Criswell	4
MU	Ray	4
MU	Peterson	4

PASS INTERCEPTION

Team	Player	No.
MU	Whitaker	6
KU	Irvin	5
MU	Wright	4
OU	Ray	4
NU	LeRoy	4
ISU	Schwartz	4
KU	Wattelet	4

TOTAL OFFENSE

National Ranking	Team	Player	Rushing G	Rushing Attn.	Rushing Yds.	Passing Comp.	Passing Att.	Total Yds.	Play Att.	Play Yds.	Game Avg.
34	MU	Phil Bradley	579	131	1448	316	236	367	1764	4.8	160.4
54	OSU	Harold Bailey	253	83	1301	88	210	293	1389	4.7	138.9
58	OU	Billy Sims	1550	224	0	1506	0	224	1506	6.7	136.9
86	OU	J. C. Watts	626	123	785	455	81	204	1240	6.1	112.7
89	OSU	Worley Taylor	1016	216	0	994	0	216	994	4.6	110.4
94	CU	Bill Solomon	314	95	1174	18	184	279	1192	4.3	108.4
	NU	Jarvis Redwine	1057	148	0	1042	0	148	1042	7.0	94.7
	KU	Brian Bethke	176	47	874	9	108	155	883	5.7	80.3
	NU	Jeff Quinn	345	72	624	240	91	163	864	5.3	78.5
	MU	James Wilder	654	155	0	645	0	155	645	4.2	71.7

FINAL SCORING

National Ranking	Team	Player	TD	PAT	Field Goals	Pts.	Pts. per Game
1	OU	Billy Sims	22	0	0	132	12.0
23	NU	Dean Sukup	0	38	12	74	6.7
72	OU	J. C. Watts	10	2	0	62	5.6
84	MU	Gerry Ellis	9	0	0	54	5.4
	OSU	Colin Ankersen	0	19	12	55	5.0
	NU	Jarvis Redwine	9	0	0	54	4.9
	OU	Michael Keeling	0	32	6	50	4.5
	CU	Tom Field	0	18	10	48	4.4
	NU	Junior Miller	7	0	0	42	3.8
	ISU	Alex Giffords	0	14	9	41	3.7

EDITOR'S NOTE: All areas except pass interceptions are listed by schools because of differences in keeping defensive statistics. Colorado and Missouri use press box worksheets, while other institutions take statistics from game films Sunday morning.

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

PUNT RETURNS

National Ranking	Team	Player	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
2	OU	Banks	17	260	0	15.3
1	KU	Irvin	27	321	2	11.9
12	MU	Newman	17	199	0	11.7
40	CU	Davis	24	181	0	7.5
67	NU	Brown	23	125	1	5.4
78	ISU	Brown	17	78	0	4.6

(Min. 1.2 returns per game)

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

National Ranking	Team	Player	G	No.	Yds.	TD
15	MU	Whitaker	11	6	96	0
31	KU	Irvin	11	5	58	0
73	MU	Wright	11	4	112	1
73	OU	Ray	11	4	91	0
	NU	Leroy	11	4	25	0
	ISU	Schwartz	11	4	12	0
	KU	Wattelet	11	4	6	0

LEADING PASSERS

National Ranking	Team	Player	Att.	Comp.	Comp. Pct.	Had Int.	TD	Yds.	Yds. Per Att.
	OU	Watts	81	39	48.15	5	4	785	9.69
	KU	Bethke	108	59	54.63	5	5	874	8.09
	NU	Hager	90	46	51.11	4	6	680	7.56
	NU	Quinn	91	47	51.65	4	4	624	6.86
8	CU	Solomon	184	91	49.46	13	10	1174	6.38
2	MU	Bradley	236	127	53.81	8	5	1448	6.14
1	OSU	Bailey	210	94	44.76	7	5	1301	6.20
	OSU	Doerner	68	32	47.06	6	3	387	5.69
	KSU	Papis	111	52	46.85	7	5	585	5.27
	CU	Davis	52	23	44.23	1	0	232	4.46
	KU	Clinton	143	55	38.46	9	0	570	3.99

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

National Ranking	Team	Player	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	Yds.	Yds. PG
8	OU	Sims	1506	42	0	0	1548	140.7
14	OSU	Taylor	994	193	0	0	1187	131.9
70	NU	Redwine	1042	29	0	26	1097	99.7
	MU	Wilder	645	143	0	0	869	86.9
	MU	Ellis	584	285	0	0	869	86.9
	KSU	Brown	668	145	0	0	813	73.9
	OSU	Ingram	0	323	46	406	775	70.5
	KU	Sydney	541	149	0	41	731	66.5
	CU	Olander	440	144	0	79	663	66.3
	OU	Wilson	491	41	0	127	659	65.9

LEADING RUSHERS

National Ranking	Team	Player	Att.	Net.	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
4	OU	Sims	224	1506	6.7	136.9
12	OSU	Taylor	216	99	4.6	110.4
26	NU	Redwine	148	1042	7.0	94.7
69	MU	Wilder	155	645	4.2	71.7
	KSU	Brown	148	668	4.5	60.7
	MU	Ellis	121	584	4.8	58.4
	NU	Hipp	125	577	4.6	57.7
	NU	Johnson	94	530	5.6	53.0
	NU	Franklin	98	543	5.5	49.4
	KU	Sydney	123	541	4.4	49.2
	OU	Wilson	76	491	6.5	49.1
	CU	Olander	88	440	5.0	44.0
	OU	Watts	123	455	3.7	41.4
	CU	Beebe	101	408	4.0	40.8
	ISU	Seabrooke	105	441	4.2	40.1
	ISU	Payne	108	331	3.1	36.8
	KSU	Duncan	87	326	3.1	36.8
	ISU	Goodwin	91	316	3.5	35.1
	OU	Phelps	46	358	7.8	32.5
	KU	Higgins	105	348	3.3	31.6

LEADING RECEIVERS

Team	Player	Rec.	Yds.	TD
NU	Smith	30	477	1
KU	Verser	21	463	4
MU	Ellis	23	285	1
OSU	Taylor	20	193	1
MU	Wilder	20	143	0
CU	Beebe	21	137	0
CU	Pugh	23	375	3
MU	Gibler	23	316	4
KSU	Liebe	22	423	2
NU	Miller	21	409	7
MU	Newman	21	216	0
OSU	Echols	20	23	2
KU	Sydney	20	149	1
KSU	Brown	20	145	0
KSU	Whitley	18	228	3
OSU	Ingram	19	323	3
OSU	Cromer	17	237	0
ISU	Leafblad	18	168	0
CU	Holmes	1	301	3
CU	Willett	16	165	1

PUNTING

National Ranking	Team	Player	No.	Avg.
8	KU	Hubach	69	42.5
6	CU	Olander	50	42.0
	OU	Keeling	2	41.9
20	MU	Brockhaus	53	39.9
29	NU	Smith	41	39.6
29	KSU	Birdsey	63	39.6
	CU	Doolittle	14	38.1
32	OSU	Lundgaard	57	37.7
	ISU	Miller	72	35.4

FIELD GOALS

National Ranking	Team	Player	FGA	FG	Pct.	FGPG
25	NU	Sukup	15	12	.800	1.09
25	OSU	Ankersen	19	12	.632	1.09
37	CU	Field	14	10	.714	.91
45	ISU	Giffords	13	9	.692	.82
75	KU	Hubach	14	7	.500	.64
	OU	Keeling	7	6	.857	.55
101	MU	Brockhaus	15	5	.333	.45
120	KSU	Stocking	5	4	.800	.40
138	KSU	Jackson	2	2	1.000	.20

KICKOFF RETURNS

National Ranking	Team	Player	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
15	CU	Haynes	17	407	0	23.9
24	OSU	Ingram	18	406	1	22.6
86	KU	Little	14	244	0	17.4

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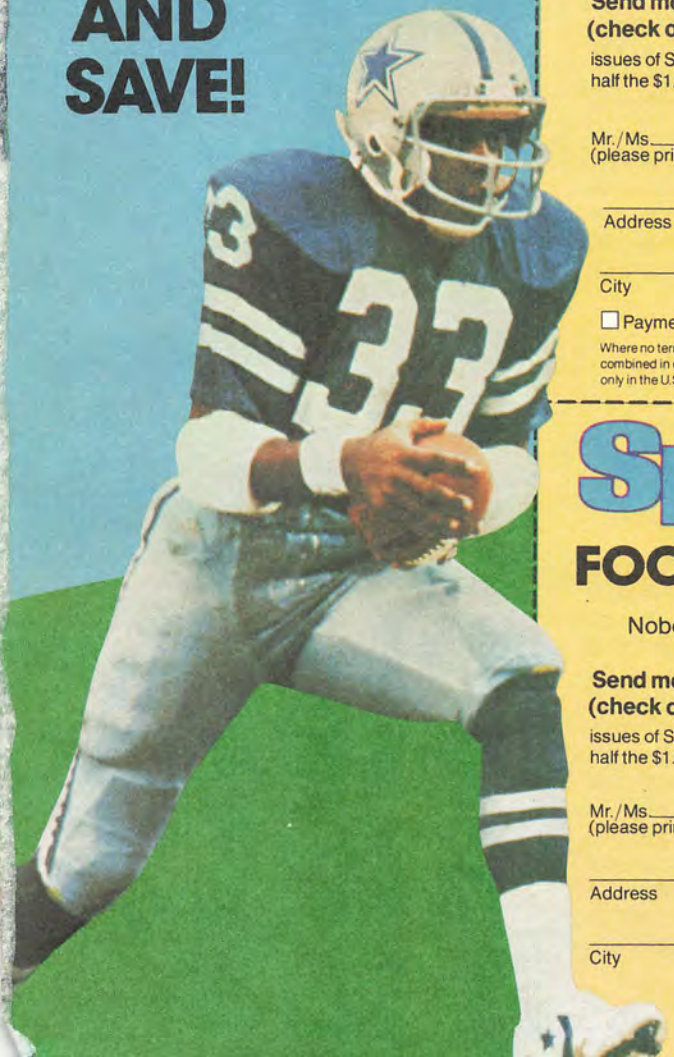

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